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PAIN
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VIDEOS
HEY, LADIES -- YOU LOOK BORED. WANNA COME DRINK WITH US?
You've just been standin' around.
GOT 'EM!
HUH? BUT...
WE DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY.
THEN WE'LL TREAT YOU!
DON'T WORRY. WE'LL TAKE YOU SOME-PLACE NICE.
I HATE BARS, THOUGH.
DO YOU HAVE ENOUGH MONEY?
PLENTY! SEE? YESTERDAY WAS PAYDAY.
CASH AND CREDIT CARDS? HMM...
ALL RIGHT. LET'S GO WITH THESE GUYS.
DO YOU KNOW A GOOD SPOT, GIRLS?
YEAH, I SURE DO!
ALL RIGHT! THEN LET'S GO THERE!
OUR TARGETS ARE EVERYDAY JOES IN SUITS.

Tee-hee! You're naughty!
Heh heh!
WOW, YOU DON'T LOOK 30 AT ALL!
YEAH, YOU LOOK OLDER.
YOU'RE ONLY 16? SO YOU WON'T GET OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL FOR ANOTHER 2 OR 3 YEARS?
YEAH, YEAH, YEAH... I'VE HEARD THIS ALL BEFORE.
Snack Bar JJ
HERE IT IS!
Yay!
You're great!
UGH. HE'S AWFUL!
Here's some more
Welcome!
THIS PLACE SURE HAS A LOT OF YOUNG GIRLS IN IT. HIGH-SCHOOLERS AND COLLEGE KIDS EVERYWHERE.
Huh?
HEY, I JUST NOTICED....
DID HE FIGURE IT OUT?
ワイ
WHAAAAT? 1,800 BUCKS? YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDIN'!
BUT IT'S TOO LATE NOW...

AUGH!
Snack Bar JJ
Appetizers.....$45
Beer.....$27
Whiskey.....(s) $36
(w) $55
Cocktails.....$36
Snacks.....$45
Service charge.....50
DIDN'T YOU LOOK AT THIS LIST OF PRICES WHEN YOU ENTERED?
I'M SORRY, SIR, BUT...
DON'T MESS WITH ME! I'M CALLIN' THE POLICE!
THERE'S NO WAY WE DRANK THAT MUCH!
HEY, YOU!
PAY UP NOW!
YOU GUYS GOT A PROBLEM?
Eek!
!!
W-WHO WOULD NOTICE SUCH A FRICKIN' SMALL SIGN? AND YOU PUT IT WAY IN THE CORNER!
DAMMIT! SO THAT'S HOW IT'S GONNA BE, EH? YOU TRICKED US!
Come on!
Aww, are you leaving already?
Huh? What do you mean?
YOU TWO WERE IN ON THIS!

HERE YOU GO, GIRLS. NICE WORK.
WE GET ABOUT A THIRD OF THE MONEY.
We'll get you for this!
バタバタ
Ha ha
IDIOTS.
THE BRAND-NAME CLOTHES ARE KEPT IN THE SNACK BAR'S LOCKER.
LET'S SWINDLE JUST ONE MORE DUDE!
LEAVING ALREADY, KANAKO?
ピピ
SORRY! I HAVE TO GO TO THE HOTEL.
THERE'S A GUY WAITING THERE FOR ME.
EH HEH HEH!
WHAAA? YOU MEAN YOU'VE STARTED SELLING YOURSELF?
HOTEL K
ROOM 50
チラ
YOU WANNA TRY TOO, MEGUMI? TURNING TRICKS IS A WAY BETTER WAY TO MAKE MONEY.
……
See ya!

I'D NEVER SLEEP WITH GUYS FOR MONEY.
OR AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT...
MEGUMI!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OUT SO LATE AGAIN?
I WANT TO KNOW WHERE YOU'VE BEEN, WHAT YOU'VE BEEN DOING, AND WHO YOU'VE BEEN DOING IT WITH!
I'm hungry
カチャ
I'M HOME.
WHAT KIND OF JOB IS THIS?
I TOLD YOU BEFORE!
YEAH, AND I BET THEY DO THINGS THERE YOU SHOULDN'T BE INVOLVED WITH
I'M JUST A RECEPTIONIST. YOU KNOW, "THIS WAY, PLEASE," AND "THANK YOU VERY MUCH!"
IT'S JUST A RESTAURANT.
I NEVER, ACTUALLY LIE OR ANYTHING.

Didn't you know that?
Oh, this?
YOU CAN GET THESE KNOCKOFFS AT ANY FLEA MARKET.
THAT'S A DESIGNER BRAND..
HUH? WHERE DID YOU GET THIS PURSE?
OH NO!
I NEVER SAID I DID BUY IT AT A FLEA MARKET.
R...REALLY? ALL RIGHT, THEN...
Ha!
DON'T YOU TRUST YOUR OWN DAUGHTER?
MY PARENTS JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND.
SHE SHOULD JUST STICK TO BUYING THINGS SHE CAN AFFORD WITH HER ALLOWANCE...
SHE'S TOO YOUNG TO BE CARRYING AROUND DESIGNER PURSES.
Kids!
Good night!
Phew!
UGH..
GOT 'EM!

AND I NEED MONEY FOR FOOD AND CLOTHES! AND THEN THERE'S MY CELL PHONE BILL...
AND WHAT'S UP WITH MAKING ME GO TO A PRIVATE SCHOOL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CITY?!
EVERYONE LIVES IN RURAL PLACES LIKE CHIBA AND SAITAMA...SO IF WE WANNA DO SOMETHING TOGETHER, OF COURSE WE'RE GONNA GO TO AN EXCITING PLACE LIKE SHINJUKU.
DO THEY HONESTLY THINK A $50-A-MONTH ALLOWANCE IS ENOUGH TO BUY ANYTHING?
ALL MY FRIENDS' PARENTS GIVE THEM LOTS OF CASH SO THEY WON'T HAVE TO TAKE ANY "RISKY JOBS" TO MAKE MONEY.
AND MONEY TO GO ON DATES...
SORRY I'M SO LATE!
I WAS LATE BECAUSE I WENT TO THE BAR TO CHANGE INTO BETTER CLOTHES.
Huff huff
Hen hen
I'll treat you to lunch.
タタタ
KYOSUKE!

I MET KYOSUKE AT A DANCE IN OCTOBER.
HE'S CUTE, AND I LOVE BEING ABLE TO BRAG THAT MY BOYFRIEND GOES TO TOKYO UNIVERSITY.
EVERYONE'S JEALOUS OF ME FOR SNAGGING A GUY LIKE HIM.
HE'S REALLY POPULAR
HEY, I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO REACH YOUR CELL PHONE AT NIGHT LATELY. DO YOU TURN IT OFF?
Why?
UMM...
KYOSUKE'S NEVER SEEN ME IN THESE KINDS OF CLOTHES BEFORE.
I WONDER IF HE'LL EVEN NOTICE!
SHE'S NOT LISTENING
THIS COAT WAS DEFINITELY THE RIGHT CHOICE!
.....

WHEN I LOOK AT MY REFLECTION IN THE MIRROR...
...THE BIGGEST THING ON MY MIND IS ALWAYS WHAT I LOOK LIKE TO KYOSUKE AND OTHER PEOPLE.
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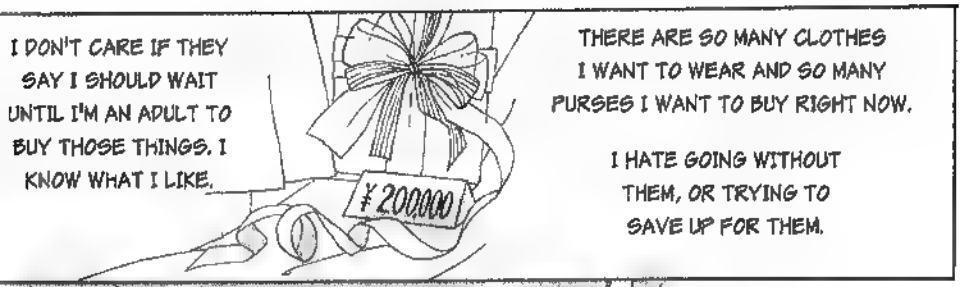
ボカ
YOU HAVE A CREDIT CARD, DON'T YOU?
I DON'T HAVE THAT MUCH MONEY ON ME!
AAAUGH! HEY!
Snack Bar
JJ
Come again!
Dammit!
Eeek!
SORRY, GIRLS, MOST OF THE CUSTOMERS PAID WITH THEIR CREDIT CARDS, SO THERE'S NOT MUCH CASH IN THE REGISTER.
What? You gotta be kiddin me!
Come back tomorrow to pick up your paycheck
THIS HAPPENS SOMETIMES WITH SLEAZY JOBS LIKE THIS.
BUT IF HE'S NOT GONNA PAY ME THE SAME DAY, I'M NOT GONNA DO IT.
And I really wanted to buy some new clothes, too!
I guess I'll just start turning tricks full time.
Dang
HEY, IF IT'S GONNA BE LIKE THIS, MAYBE YOU SHOULD SELL YOURSELF, TOO!
HUH?
IT'S ALL RIGHT, ISN'T IT? YOU'RE NOT A VIRGIN ANYMORE ANYWAY.
WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES THAT MAKE?

I'LL EVEN INTRODUCE YOU TO SOME OF THE RICH GUYS I KNOW.
It's safer that way.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO KISS, YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE BJS, AND IT'S ALL RIGHT IF YOU WANT THEM TO USE A CONDOM.
I KNOW THIS HIGH-CLASS DATING CLUB WHERE THERE AREN'T ANY SMELLY OLD MEN OR CUSTOMERS WHO'LL RUN OUT WITHOUT PAYING.

ARE YOU SURE THEY'RE NOT JUST REALLY SICK?
SO THEY'RE REALLY RICH, HUH?

OH, LOOK! HOW CUTE!
YEAH.
IT'LL BE FINE AS LONG AS YOUR BOYFRIEND DOESN'T FIND OUT
YEAH, BUT... ISN'T IT NICER IF THEY GIVE YOU MONEY BECAUSE THEY LIKE YOU? WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT...
YEAH, YEAH...
COME ON! I'M BEING SERIOUS HERE!
Hm hm!
...WHO TOLD ME "THE BEST WAY TO GET MONEY OUT OF THOSE OLD GUYS IS TO TEASE THEM WITHOUT LETTING THEM EVEN LAY A FINGER ON YOU..."?
WHAT? WASN'T IT YOU, KANAKO.


I DON'T CARE IF THEY SAY I SHOULD WAIT UNTIL I'M AN ADULT TO BUY THOSE THINGS. I KNOW WHAT I LIKE.
¥200000
THERE ARE SO MANY CLOTHES I WANT TO WEAR AND SO MANY PURSES I WANT TO BUY RIGHT NOW.
I HATE GOING WITHOUT THEM, OR TRYING TO SAVE UP FOR THEM.

.....
YOU'D ONLY HAVE TO SLEEP WITH ABOUT THREE OR FOUR GUYS TO BE ABLE TO BUY THAT.

...AS I WAS THAT I COULDN'T BUY NAME-BRAND THINGS.
...I WASN'T AS EMBARRASSED ABOUT SELLING MYSELF...
AT THAT MOMENT...

APARTMENT
THIS IS IT.
Telephone CLUB anan
FREE DIAL 0120
COME ON! THIS WAY
HUH?
I'M TELLING YOU...YOU'RE NOT GONNA GET ANY GOOD CUSTOMERS THAT WAY.
HUH? IT'S JUST A REGULAR ROOM IN AN APARTMENT BUILDING.
301
OFFICE G
HI, BOSS! I BROUGHT A FRIEND!
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Oh, hi!
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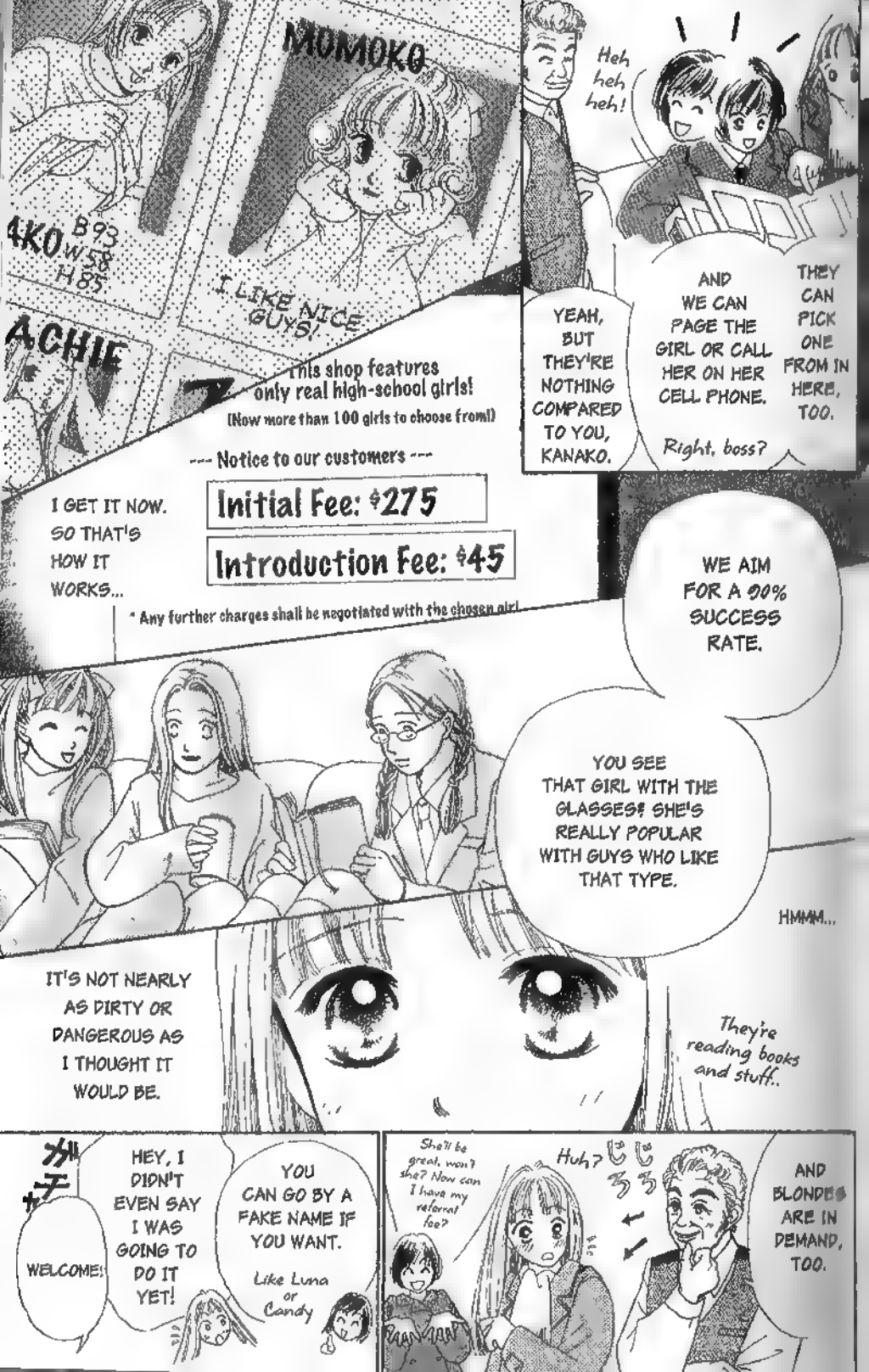
Whoa
THIS IS WHERE THE GUYS PICK WHICH GIRL THEY WANT.
YOU CAN SEE IN, BUT THEY CAN'T SEE OUT.
It's a one-way mirror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I LIKE NICE GUYS!
ACHIE
This shop features only real high-school girls!
(Now more than 100 girls to choose from!)
--- Notice to our customers ---
Initial Fee: $275
Introduction Fee: $45
* Any further charges shall be negotiated with the chosen girl.
Heh heh heh!
THEY CAN PICK ONE FROM IN HERE, TOO.
AND WE CAN PAGE THE GIRL OR CALL HER ON HER CELL PHONE.
Right, boss?
YEAH, BUT THEY'RE NOTHING COMPARED TO YOU, KANAKO.
I GET IT NOW. SO THAT'S HOW IT WORKS...
WE AIM FOR A 90% SUCCESS RATE.
YOU SEE THAT GIRL WITH THE GLASSES? SHE'S REALLY POPULAR WITH GUYS WHO LIKE THAT TYPE.
HMMM...
They're reading books and stuff..
IT'S NOT NEARLY AS DIRTY OR DANGEROUS AS I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE.
WELCOME!
HEY, I DIDN'T EVEN SAY I WAS GOING TO DO IT YET!
YOU CAN GO BY A FAKE NAME IF YOU WANT.
Like Luna or Candy
She'll be great, won't she? Now can I have my referral fee?
Huh?
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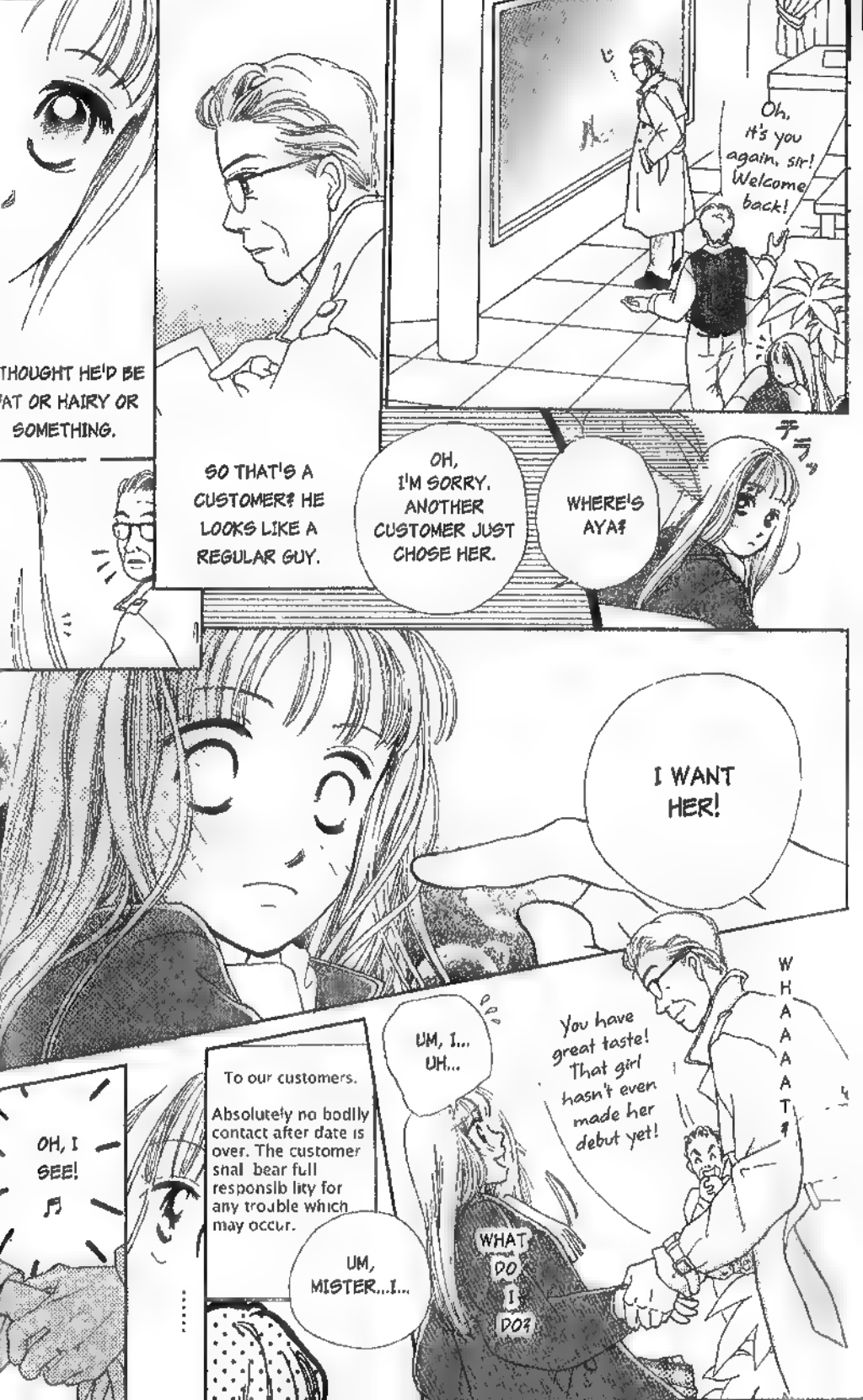
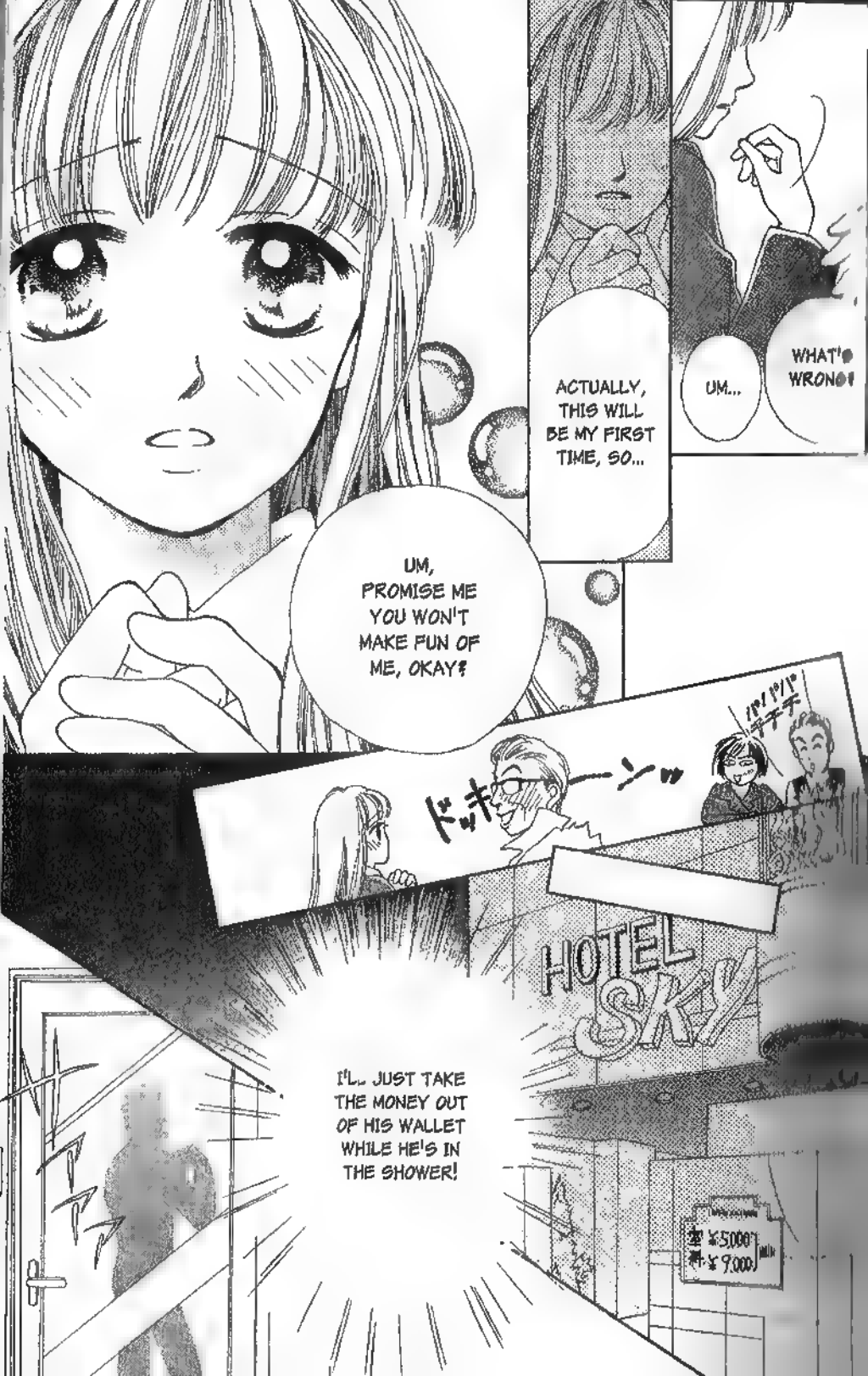
AND BLONDES ARE IN DEMAND, TOO.


Oh, it's you again, sir! Welcome back!
THOUGHT HE'D BE FAT OR HAIRY OR SOMETHING.
SO THAT'S A CUSTOMER? HE LOOKS LIKE A REGULAR GUY.
OH, I'M SORRY. ANOTHER CUSTOMER JUST CHOSE HER.
WHERE'S AYA?
I WANT HER!
WHAAAAAT?
You have great taste! That girl hasn't even made her debut yet!
UM, I... UH...
To our customers. Absolutely no bodily contact after date is over. The customer shall bear full responsibility for any trouble which may occur.
UM, MISTER...I...
WHAT DO I DO?
OH, I SEE!


UM, PROMISE ME YOU WON'T MAKE FUN OF ME, OKAY?
ACTUALLY, THIS WILL BE MY FIRST TIME, SO...
UM...
WHAT'S WRONG?
ドッキーン
HOTEL SKY
I'LL JUST TAKE THE MONEY OUT OF HIS WALLET WHILE HE'S IN THE SHOWER!

AND NEITHER IS MINE!
HUH? HIS BAG'S NOT HERE!
....?
NOW'S MY CHANCE!
COULD IT BE...
...TOOK IT WITH HIM INTO THE BATHROOM?
...THAT OLD GUY...
MY BAG...
NO, DON'T!
!!
I... I GUESS I SHOULD GET IN THE SHOWER, TOO. EH-HEH...
UM...
WELL, THEN...

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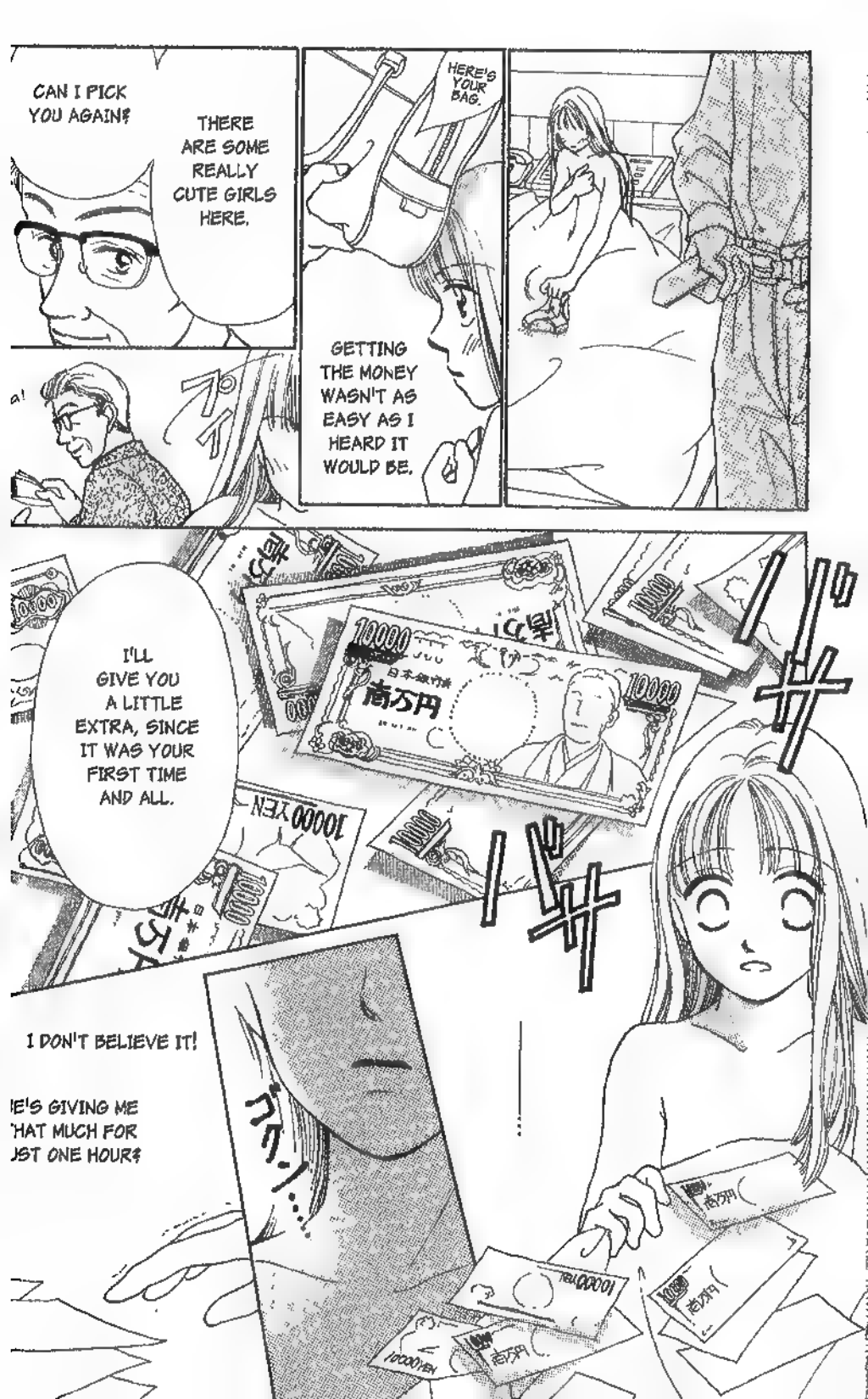
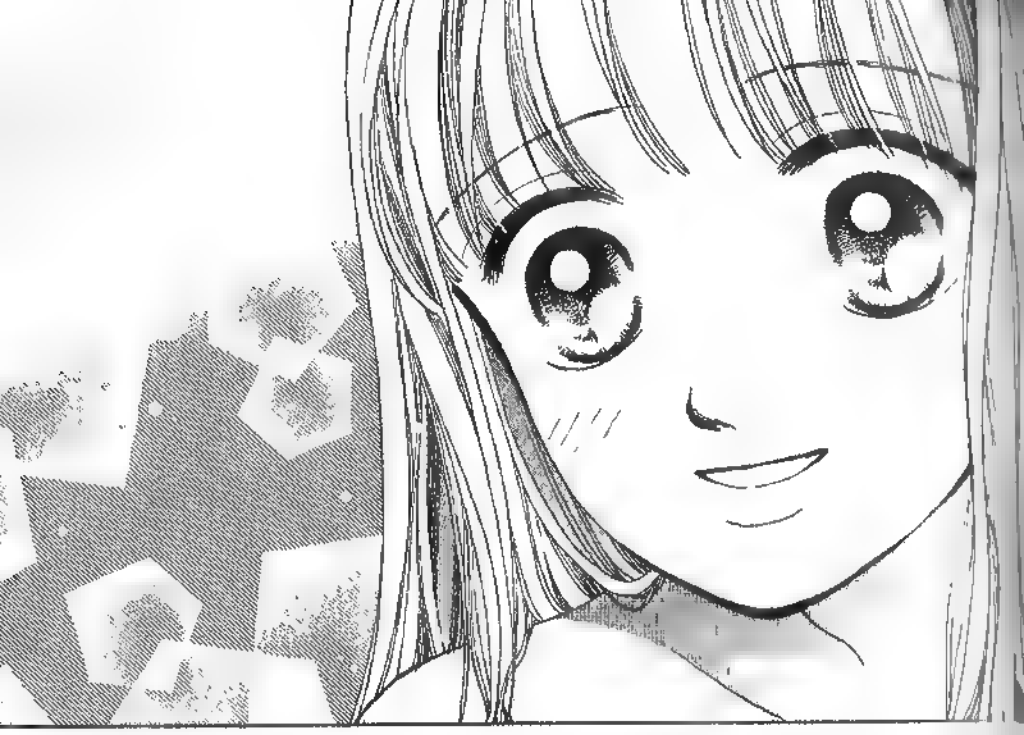
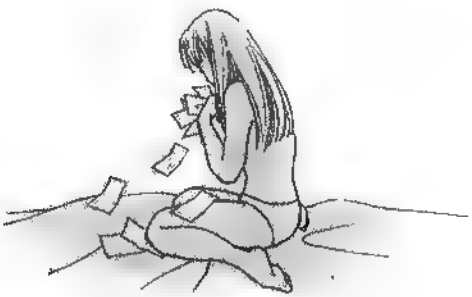
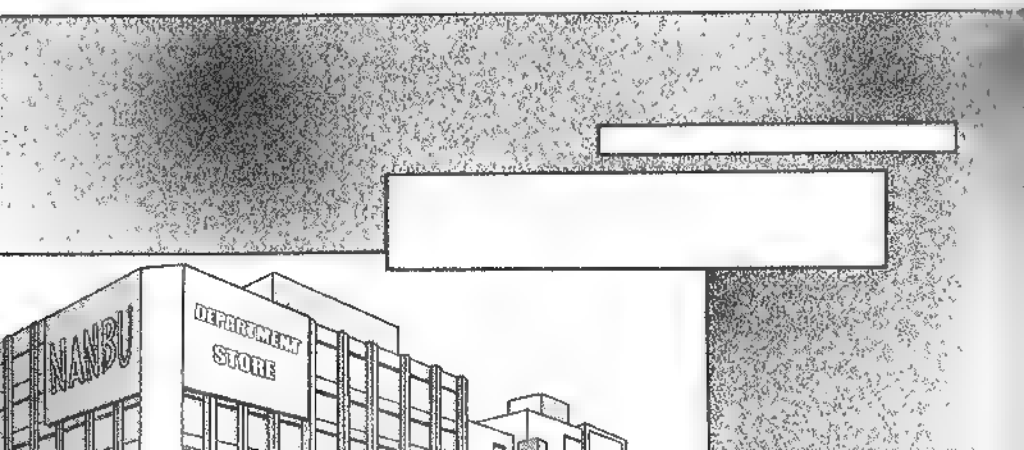
I WANT TO SMELL YOUR NATURAL SMELL.
WHAAAA! W-WAIT!


CAN I PICK YOU AGAIN?
THERE ARE SOME REALLY CUTE GIRLS HERE.
HERE'S YOUR BAG.
GETTING THE MONEY WASN'T AS EASY AS I HEARD IT WOULD BE.
I'LL GIVE YOU A LITTLE EXTRA, SINCE IT WAS YOUR FIRST TIME AND ALL.
I DON'T BELIEVE IT!
'E'S GIVING ME
'HAT MUCH FOR
JST ONE HOUR?



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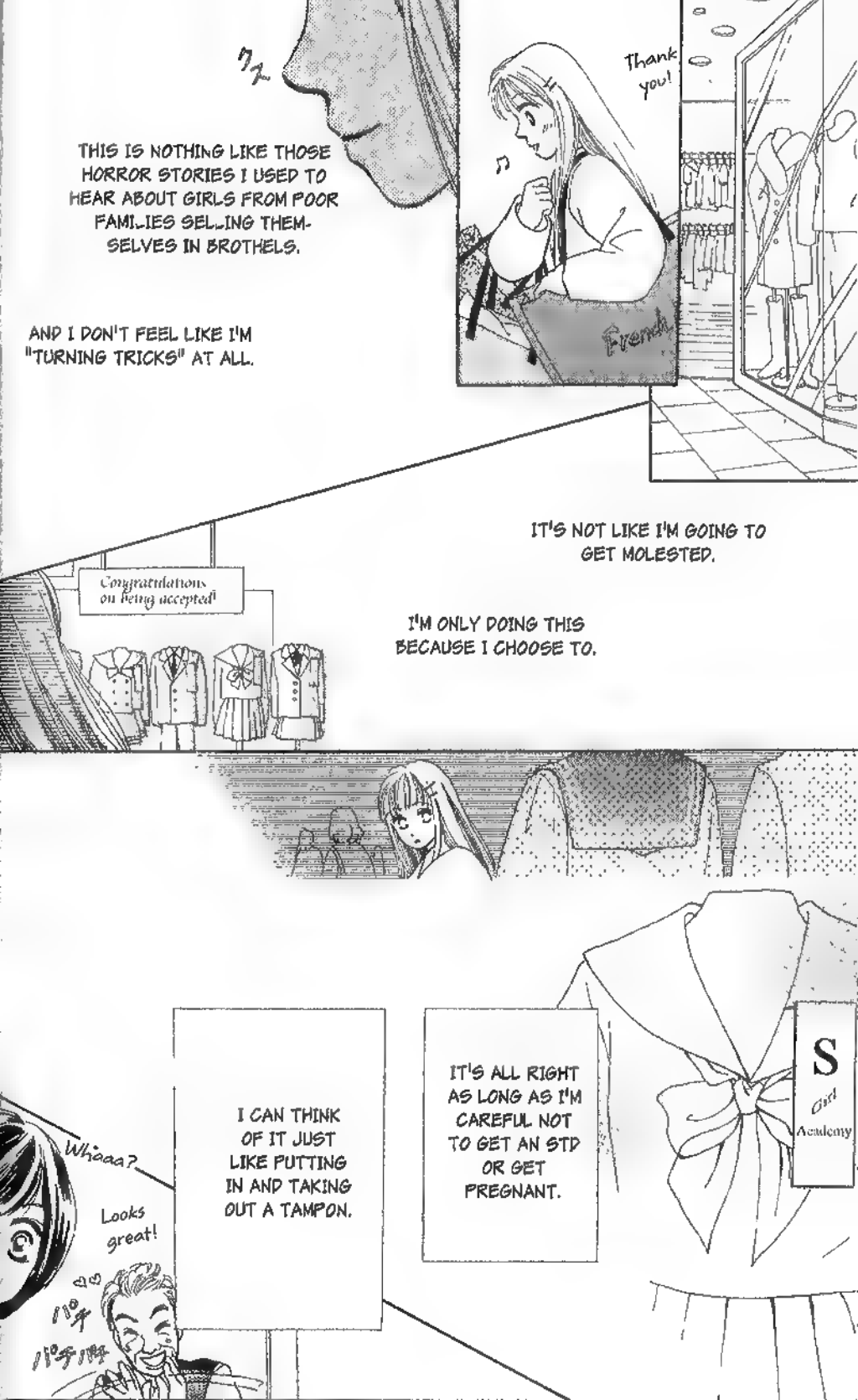
THIS IS NOTHING LIKE THOSE HORROR STORIES I USED TO HEAR ABOUT GIRLS FROM POOR FAMILIES SELLING THEMSELVES IN BROTHELS.
Thank you!
AND I DON'T FEEL LIKE I'M "TURNING TRICKS" AT ALL.
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M GOING TO GET MOLESTED.
Congratulations on being accepted!
I'M ONLY DOING THIS BECAUSE I CHOOSE TO.
S Girl Academy
IT'S ALL RIGHT AS LONG AS I'M CAREFUL NOT TO GET AN STD OR GET PREGNANT.
I CAN THINK OF IT JUST LIKE PUTTING IN AND TAKING OUT A TAMPON.
Whoaa?
Looks great!

MEGUMI! YOU HAVE A CUSTOMER!
What's with you, eh? You were totally against this kind of thing. But after doing it just once, you're really into it!
Oh, you're up! See you later!
Maybe I should get a sailor suit, too.
SINCE WHEN DID YOU START GOING TO S GIRLS ACADEMY?
It's not fair!
Heh, heh!
THIS IS THE SCHOOL UNIFORM THOSE OLD FARTS LIKE THE MOST.
.....
DON'T CALL ME MEGUMI.
MY NAME IS... UMM...
...LILIA.

SO BEAUTIFUL...
A YOUNG GIRL'S SKIN IS SO DIFFERENT...
I DON'T NEED TO DO ANY OTHER KIND OF WORK.
I CAN MAKE A PILE OF MONEY IN A REALLY SHORT TIME THIS WAY.
SOME GUYS JUST WANT TO CUDDLE UP NEXT TO ME.
SOME GUYS JUST WANT TO PRETEND THEY'RE BABIES...
Goo-goo! I wanna suck mommy's boobies!
I HAD A LOT OF DIFFERENT CUSTOMERS
LILIA, ARE YOU GOING TO SAVE THE MONEY I GAVE YOU?
OF COURSE NOT!
HA HA! I THINK I'M GOING TO BUY A SKIRT. I SAW A REALLY CUTE ONE.
HOW MUCH WAS IT?
...$229, I THINK. WHY?
S WHO'VE
N DOING
FOR A
E ARE
GY.
THEN GIVE ME THE $49 LEFT OVER.
HUH?

IT'S COMPLETELY DIFFERENT
"MY WIFE CAN'T SATISFY ME, SO I COME TO [illegible] GIRLS FOR SEX."
HAVING AFFAIRS WITH [illegible] HELPS THEM GET RID OF [illegible] FRUSTRATIONS WHEN [illegible] THINK ABOUT IT, DOESN'T [illegible] ACTUALLY MAKE THEIR RELATIONSHIPS WITH THEIR WIVES BETTER?
LOVE AND SEX ARE EQUAL, BUT THEY'RE NOT NECESSARILY CONNECTED
COULD YOU PLEASE PAY BEFORE-HAND?
HUH?
I'M NOT GETTING CARRIED AWAY
HAVING SEX WITHOUT LOVE ISN'T A BIG DEAL
I FEEL LIKE I'VE GOT THIS WORLD ALL FIGURED OUT

I FEEL KIND OF SUPERIOR.
I MEAN, WE MAKE THE GUYS HAPPY, AND WE'RE NOT BOTHERING ANYONE.
月刊
Monthly Teens
BUT THAT JUST MAKES ME WANT TO ASK THEM WHY THEY DON'T SELL THEMSELVES.
SOMETIMES PEOPLE ASK ME WHY I SELL MYSELF.
AND SAY A GUY AND GIRL MEET THROUGH A PLACE LIKE THIS AND FEEL A LITTLE BIT OF AFFECTION FOR EACH OTHER. THAT'S JUST BETWEEN THEM, RIGHT? SO IF THE POLICE COME AND TRY TO BUST IT UP, THAT'S AN INVASION OF PRIVACY!
LIKE, FOR EXAMPLE, LOTS OF GIRLS GET TREATED TO DINNER OR RECEIVE PRESENTS FROM THEIR BOYFRIENDS. SO AREN'T THEY REALLY SELLING THEMSELVES?
WHAT ABOUT YOU, MEGUMI?
HA HA! YEAH, RIGHT!
AND BESIDES, EVEN IF SOMEONE DOES GO INTO A HOTEL WITH AN OLD GUY, WHO'S TO SAY THEY'RE NOT JUST PLAYING CARDS OR SOMETHIN'?

NOT REALLY.
DON'T YOU FEEL AT LEAST A LITTLE DISGUSTED BY HAVING SEX WITH OLD GUYS?
I hope we don't get caught doing this. I feel like I'm cheating or something!
YOU HAVE A BOYFRIEND, REALLY? RIGHT? SO WHY DO YOU DO IT?
SO IF THEY'RE THE SAME THING, I'D ACTUALLY RATHER HAVE THE KIND OF SEX I CAN GET MONEY FOR.
THERE'S NOT REALLY MUCH DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HAVING SEX FOR LOVE AND HAVING SEX FOR MONEY.
WAS IT GOOD? BAD?
I DON'T MEAN TO BE PERSONAL, BUT WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST TIME LIKE?
HUH?
Hey, hey.
DO YOU HAVE A GOOD RELATIONSHIP?
WHAT KIND OF SEX HAVE YOU BEEN HAVING WITH YOUR BOYFRIEND?
THE SAME?
WHAT?

WELL, YOU GUYS'LL ONLY E "IN SEASON" FOR TWO OR THREE YEARS ANYWAY.
IT'S BEST TO QUIT BEFORE YOU REACH YOUR "EXPIRATION DATE."
HA...
DIDN'T YOU KNOW? LATELY THERE ARE A LOT MORE GIRLS SELLING THEMSELVES THAN THERE ARE MEN BUYING. AND YOUR "COMMERCIAL VALUE" IS GOING DOWN.
YOU THINK YOU'RE USING THOSE OLD MEN, BUT THEY'RE THE ONES MANIPULATING YOU INSTEAD. YOU'LL FIND OUT SOMEDAY.
!!
A LOT OF GIRLS WHO SELL THEMSELVES GET THE WRONG IDEA RIGHT FROM THE START.
?
N'T YOUR COMPANY THE ONE WHO PUBLISHES THAT SCHOOL-UNIFORM TALOG AND STUFF?
BESIDES, THE ONES WHO THOUGHT UP THOSE CRUDE TERMS LIKE "COMPENSATED DATING" IN THE FIRST PLACE ARE ADULTS AND THE MEDIA! PEOPLE LIKE YOU!
Don't screw with me!
WHO ARE YOU, MY MOTHER? AND WHAT IS THIS, A SERMON OR SOMETHIN'?
This ain't an interview either!
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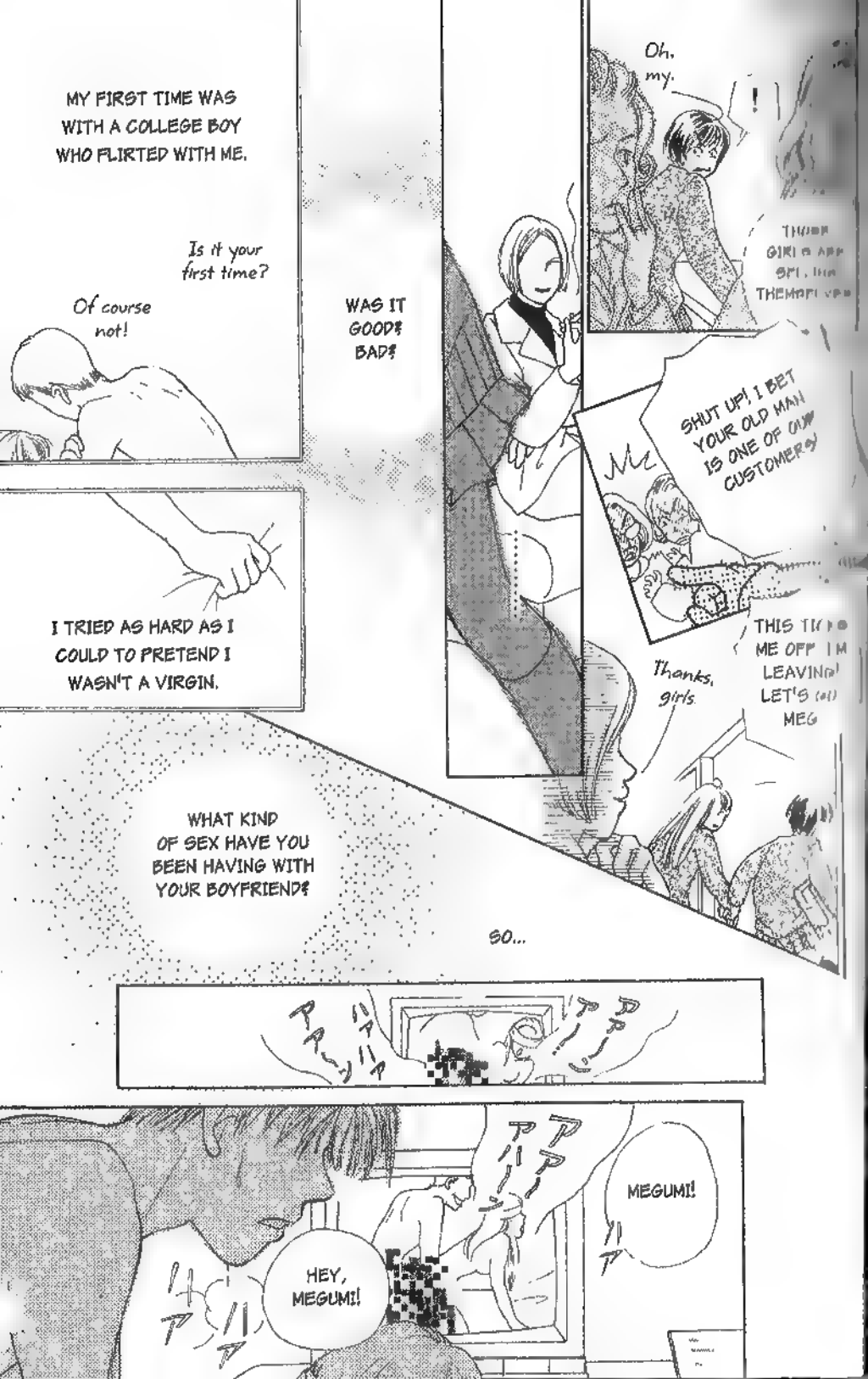
MY FIRST TIME WAS WITH A COLLEGE BOY WHO FLIRTED WITH ME.
Is it your first time?
Of course not!
WAS IT GOOD? BAD?
I TRIED AS HARD AS I COULD TO PRETEND I WASN'T A VIRGIN.
Oh, my.
!
SHUT UP! I BET YOUR OLD MAN IS ONE OF OUR CUSTOMERS!
Thanks, girls.
WHAT KIND OF SEX HAVE YOU BEEN HAVING WITH YOUR BOYFRIEND?
SO...
MEGUMI!
HEY, MEGUMI!

CAN YOU FEEL THIS?
Huff, huff!
IT HURTS...
Dammit, Kyosuke!
Hey, look at these.
Lili
Lilia
Call me anytim
B84 W55 H83
AND THAT CLUB'S NOT AS POPULAR AS IT USED TO BE EITHER.
DAMMIT! THAT LILIA GIRL IS HOGGING ALL THE CUSTOMERS FOR HERSELF.
We should teach her a lesson!
I haven't been picked ONCE since she came!

Huh?
Ha!
クスクス
DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S DOING BEHIND YOUR BACK?
Ha!
HOTEL R
HEY!
HOTEL
"We don't have a girl like that!" Ha ha!
Cackle!
Would've been a better if we'd this at the place that introduc old man to
IDIOT! NO, THAT'S HER BOYFRIEND, ISN'T IT?
IT'S AND WITH A YOUNG TODAY!
HEY, YOU'RE MEGUMI'S BOYFRIEND, RIGHT?
See ya!
Chuckle!

I WONDER WHY SAILOR UNIFORMS ARE SUCH A TURN-ON?
MAYBE IT REMINDS ME OF MY FIRST LOVE, OR MAYBE IT'S THE "FORBIDDEN FRUIT" ASPECT OF IT...
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU'RE RAMBLING ABOUT, MISTER. JUST GIVE ME THE MONEY.
I EVEN LET YOU KISS ME, SO DON'T BE STINGY ON ME.
HUH?
I LREADY AID BACK AT THE CLUB.
HUH?
I GAVE $450 TO THE MANAGER.
He's going to give it to you later, right?

Heh heh!
Oh. I think I hear a customer
Hey!
ガチャ
KANAKO?
WHOOOOOA... WHOOOOOA!
YOU CAN'T JUST CHANGE THINGS ALL OF A SUDDEN!
GIVE ME BACK THE MONEY YOU TOOK!
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS? THE MONEY THEY GIVE US AFTER THE DATE IS OURS!
Ha ha!
I JUST THOUGHT IT WOULD BE EASIER FOR THE CUSTOMERS TO PAY ALL AT ONCE. RIGHT?
WHAT'S WRONG?
!!
I'M ZONED OUT AND GONE
DRUGS?

Oh, my.
GIMME MORE!
Ka na-ko!
ALL RIGHT, BUT IF I GIVE YOU MORE, YOU HAVE TO PAY FOR IT BY TAKING MORE CUSTOMERS. DO YOUR BEST!
YES, SIR.
HE...
Augh!
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA, GETTING KANAKO HOOKED ON DRUGS?
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO, MANIPULATE HER?
WE'RE OUT OF HERE... FOR GOOD!
THIS PLACE IS DANGER-OUS.
DON'T TREAT US LIKE FOOLS!
!!

UGH...
BUSINESS TOOLS...
COMMERCIAL VALUE...
AND I'M NOT GONNA LET YOU GET AWAY!
YOU GUYS ARE JUST BUSINESS TOOLS TO ME.
THIS IS WHERE I GET MY REAL MONEY.
FOR A STUPID HOOKER WEARING A SAILOR OUTFIT.
BUT THOSE OLD MEN ARE MANIPULATING YOU INSTEAD.
THIS ISN'T FUNNY!
Hairspray
AUCH!
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THIS ISN'T FUNNY!
Lilia!
Lilia!
Lilia!

KANAKO, OW LONG HAVE OU BEEN USING DRUGS?
Did he ever ay you with money?
WE WERE SUCH SUCKERS, WEREN'T WE?
SIGH.
.....
SNAP OUT OF IT! JEEZ!
YEAH.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
NAKO.
BUT WHEN I STARTED GETTING PAID BY THE MANAGER, I STARTED GOING SHOPPING IN SHIBUYA LESS AND LESS.
I WANTED TO USE THE ADULTS.
WHAT?
WELL, IN MY CASE, HE STARTED PAYING ME WITH MONEY BUT THEN IT TURNED INTO DRUGS.
Been that way for a long time now.
AND YOU SHOULD QUIT DRUGS, TOO.
IT'S DANGEROUS TO GO BACK! RIGHT?
WAIT A MINUTE
KANAKO.
YOU WANT TO TRY TOO? IT'LL HELP YOU LOSE WEIGHT TOO! IT'S GREAT!
MEG... DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE SCARED?
YOU'VE BEEN OUT OF SCHOOL A LOT, EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE FINALS NEXT WEEK.
CHUCKLE!
IDIOT!
I'M GOING BACK TO THE CLUB.
I'D NEVER DO THAT!

BUT... WHICH ONE OF US WAS THE ONE WHO GOT SO TOTALLY INTO IT, HMMM?
YOU SAID, "OH, I'LL NEVER DO THAT!" YOU SAID THAT ABOUT SELLING YOURSELF.
Huh?
DO YOU WANT TO QUIT?
WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN TO YOU IF SUDDENLY A CONDOM NOW?
UH...
IT'S TOO LATE.
WE CAN'T GO BACK TO BEING POOR.
KA...
KANAKO

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UGH...
How about $275?
Oh! A sailor uniform!
WITHOUT KANAKO, IT'S KINDA...
...SCARY.
FASHION HEARTS
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!!
HEY, LADIES, YOU LOOK BORED.
EEEH? DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE FORGOTTEN ME ALREADY!
Heh heh heh!
Oh!
BEEN LOOKIN' FOR YA, GIRL.
WHO'S HE?
OF THE OMERS ED IN THE UB!

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YA' CAN'T MESS WITH THE BIG BOYS AN' GET AWAY WITH IT, KID!
I'LL BE TAKIN' BACK THAT MONEY YOU TOOK FROM ME!
LET ME GO!
WHAT A FRICKIN' WASTE!
IS THIS THE KINDA SHIT YOU'RE BUYIN' WITH MY HARD-EARNED MONEY! EH!
HE'S BEEN LOOKING FOR ME THE WHOLE TIME!
GET BACK HERE!
HELP!
KYOSUKE!
KYOSUKE!
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
SOME-BODY HELP!
Huff huff
AM

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S DOING BEHIND YOUR BACK!
.....
PLEASE COME!
I'M AT...
Lilia♥
Call me anytime!
B 84
W 55
H 83
SHE'S THE MOST POPULAR GIRL AT THE WHOREHOUSE.
AAUGH, I'M SO STUPID!
I CAN'T LET KYOSUKE SEE ME IN THIS UNIFORM!
Huff, huff!
PANT

I...
I STARTED THIS JOB BECAUSE I DIDN'T WANT TO LOOK LIKE A SLOB.
I WANTED TO HAVE IT ALL.
IT SHOULDN'T HAVE TURNED OUT THIS WAY.
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LILIA?

.....
IS THIS LILIA FROM THE CLUB?
.....
YEAH, THAT'S ME.
IT'S TOO LATE TO GET PRETENTIOUS NOW.
.....
Ha ha!
WILL YOU GIVE ME LOTS AND LOTS OF MONEY?
THAT'S IT--TAKE CUSTOMERS. TAKE MORE AND MORE. I'M ALREADY IN TOO DEEP.
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HOW MUCH?
LILIA?
LILIA?

HOTEL
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KYOSUKE!
COME ON.
ドサッ
SHOW ME WHAT YOU ALWAYS DO WITH YOUR "CUSTOMERS."
UH...
KYOSUKE...
DOES IT FEEL LIKE YOU'RE DOING IT WITH YOUR FATHER? DOES THAT GET YOU EXCITED?
DOES HAVING SEX WITH THOSE OLD GUYS FEEL GOOD?
STOP IT!
DO THEY STRIP YOU LIKE THIS?

COME ON! SAY SOMETHING!
IT IT DOES
HAVING SEX WITH THOSE GUYS IS THE BEST!
YOU'RE SAYING YOU LIKE HAVING SEX FOR MONEY BETTER THAN HAVING SEX WITH ME?
YOU'VE JUST BEEN PRETENDING THAT YOU FEEL SOMETHING WHEN YOU HAVE SEX WITH ME? HUH, LILIA?
IS THAT IT?!
LILIA!
YES!
I NEVER FELT ANYTHING-- EVEN ONCE!
EXCEPT WHENEVER I HAVE SEX WITH YOU, KYOSUKE, IT ALWAYS HURTS!

SOB!
OW!
I'LL MAKE YOU FEEL IT!
I'LL MAKE YOU SAY THAT SEX WITH ME IS THE BEST.
I'LL MAKE YOU SAY YOU CAN'T DO IT WITH ANYONE ELSE.
NO!
STOP IT!
COME ON...WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO? WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO DO TO YOU?
SHOW ME HOW TO MAKE YOU FEEL IT.
TOUCH YOU HERE?
STOP IT!

IT SHOULDN'T BE THE SAME AT ALL!
SHOW ME THAT YOU REALLY FEEL IT WHEN YOU HAVE SEX WITH ME.
PLEASE!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "FEEL?"
SEX IS THE SAME NO MATTER WHO I DO IT WITH. EVERYONE FEELS THE SAME INSIDE ME.
IT SHOULDN'T BE THAT WAY.
.....
AAH...
IT SHOULDN'T BE THE SAME AT ALL.

KYO...
SOB!
WHY HAVE YOU BEEN HAVING SEX WITH ME THIS WHOLE TIME?
WHAT IS SEX TO YOU?
I GUESS IT WAS STUPID TO JUST TRY IMITATING THOSE ADULT VIDEOS...
BUT I REALLY JUST WANTED YOU TO ENJOY IT, MEGUMI.
MEGUMI I HAVE SEX WITH YOU BECAUSE I LOVE YOU!

KYOSUKE...
I...
MEGUMI.
MEGUMI.
AAH...
KYO...SUKE...

WHEN I HEARD THE WORD "SEX"...
...THE ONLY THINGS THAT USED TO COME INTO MY MIND...
...WERE THINGS LIKE ADULT VIDEOS, RAPE, AND ADULTERY.
I FOOLED MYSELF INTO THINKING IT WAS NO BIG DEAL.
I USED TO THINK SEX WAS ONE-SIDED.
I USED TO THINK IT WAS JUST SOMETHING TO SATISFY THE MAN'S DESIRE...
...AND THAT THE WOMAN WAS SUPPOSED TO JUST LIE UNDER THE MAN AND ENDURE IT.
BUT IT'S NOT REALLY LIKE THAT AT ALL.
WHEN YOU REALLY LOVE EACH OTHER...
WHEN YOU WANT TO MAKE LOVE FROM THE BOTTOM OF YOUR HEART...
...THEN SEX BECOMES...

...SOMETHING MORE.

--- Spring ---

I NEVER TOLD MY PARENTS ABOUT SELLING MYSELF.

KIDS TODAY CAN COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER USING PAGERS AND CELL PHONES.

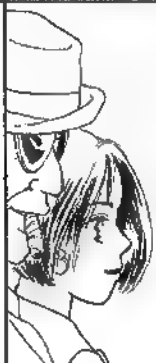
PARENTS CAN'T EVEN CONTROL HALF OF WHAT THEIR KIDS DO.

They can't control the kinds of friends they have.

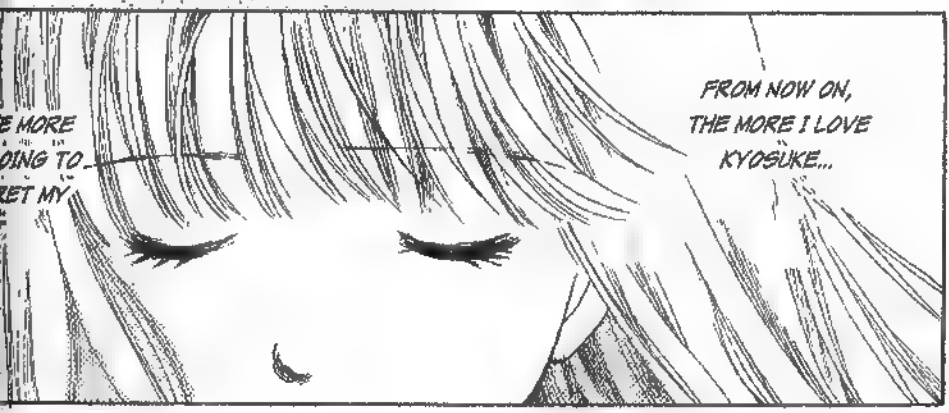
I SAW HER ONCE.

KANAKO QUIT SCHOOL.

SHE WAS STANDING NEXT TO HER SUGAR DADDY.



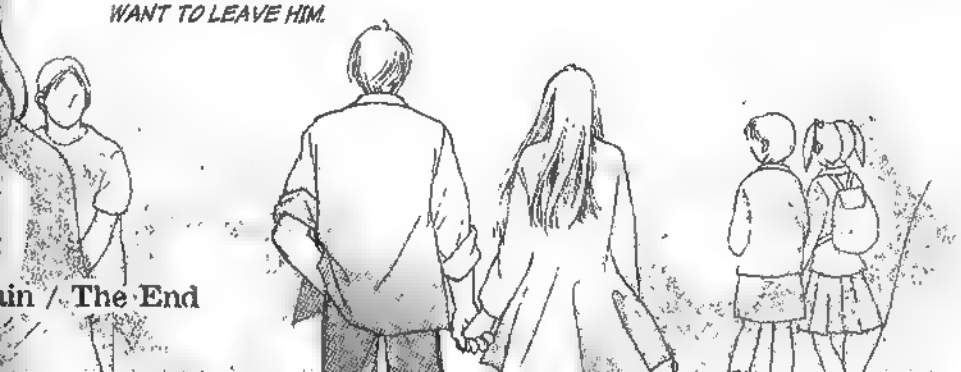
IT'S NOT FAIR THAT I HAVE TO GO BACK TO LIVING LIKE A POOR PERSON, AS IF NOTHING HAPPENED.
IT'S ALMOST SCARY THAT I WAS ABLE TO STOP SELLING MYSELF SO EASILY. IT'S AS IF I MIGHT GO BACK TO IT.
SO NO ONE HAS EVER CONDEMNED ME FOR IT.
I'M GOING TO GO TO COLLEGE OR WORK IN AN OFFICE.
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT?
You're staring into space
I'M STILL GOING OUT WITH KYOSUKE.
OH, NOTHING.
BEING FORGIVEN..



BUT....

....I STILL FEEL....

...THAT I DON'T EVER WANT TO LEAVE HIM.



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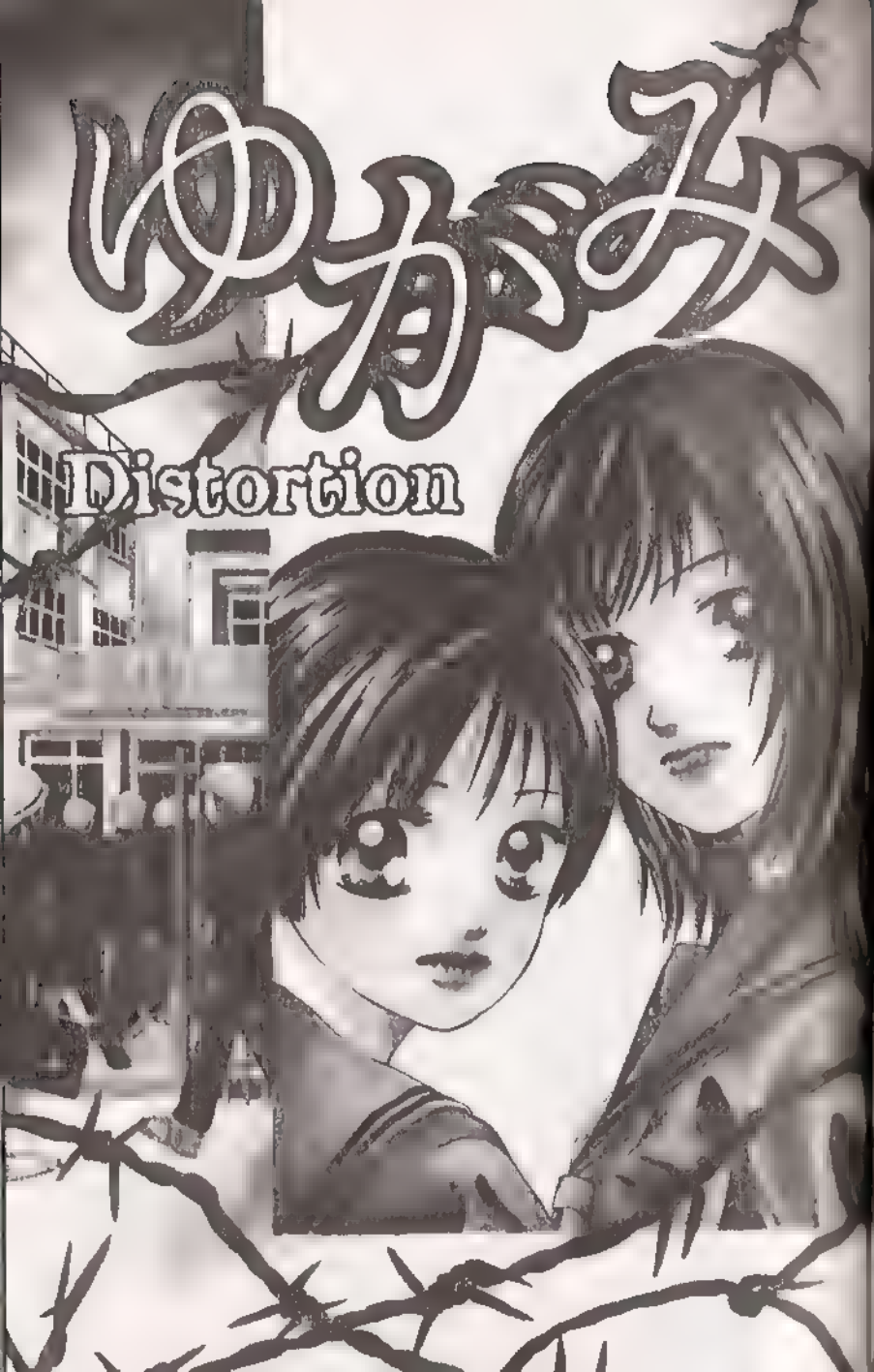

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KYODA!
THIS IS THE LAST STRAW!
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YOUR HAIR IS PAST YOUR SHOULDERS!
IF IT GETS IN THE WAY LIKE THAT, YOU SHOULD TIE IT UP!
IF YOUR HAIR ISN'T RIGHT, THAT MEANS YOUR HEART ISN'T RIGHT!
IF YOU DON'T TIE YOUR HAIR UP, THEN I'LL CUT IT RIGHT HERE AND NOW!
MIHO!
IF YOU'RE GONNA CUT IT, THEN I'D LIKE TO SEE YOU JUST TRY TO DO IT RIGHT IN FRONT OF MY PARENTS!
IN FRONT OF THE POLICE!
OR IN FRONT OF THE ENTRANCE TO THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION!

Whoa!
UGH!
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Hmph!
STUDENT HANDBOOK
ANYONE WHO FOLLOWS ALL THESE RULES IS CRAZY!
BEING FORCED TO GO TO A SCHOOL-DESIGNATED BARBER SHOP IS SO STUPID.
HUH?
I DON
THIN
THIS
OVER

O-Mura Municipal Jun

Student Regulations

1. Wear a helmet when coming to and going home from school.
2. Upon seeing a teacher or visitor in the hallway, greet them with a bow.
3. Keep a tissue or handkerchief in your pocket and your student ID in your left pocket.

If a girl and boy are talking, there should be at least one other person present, and everyone should stand at least 3 feet apart. Girls shall not be excused from physical education during their menstrual cycle. Students with odd ID numbers may go to the restroom after odd periods, and students with even ID numbers may go to the restroom after even periods. The use of pencils, erasers, and pens is limited. When walking after dark, students shall be accompanied by

There are more than 300 rules.

Miho was the only student in the entire school who fought back against that P.E. teacher.

BUT GUNJI IS THE HEAD GUIDANCE COUNSELOR.
We can't do anything about it
AT LEAST DO IT WHERE THERE AREN'T ANY GUYS AROUND.
Eeek
WHAT-- GUNJI'S GONNA DO IT?
Let a female teacher do it

...BUT EVEN I HAVE ALREADY GOTTEN USED TO IT.
I'M ONLY HALFWAY THROUGH THE THREE YEARS I'LL HAVE TO SPEND HERE...
Ugh!
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THIS IS AN INVASION OF PRIVACY!

RULE NO. 301
UNDERWEAR MUST
BE WHITE.

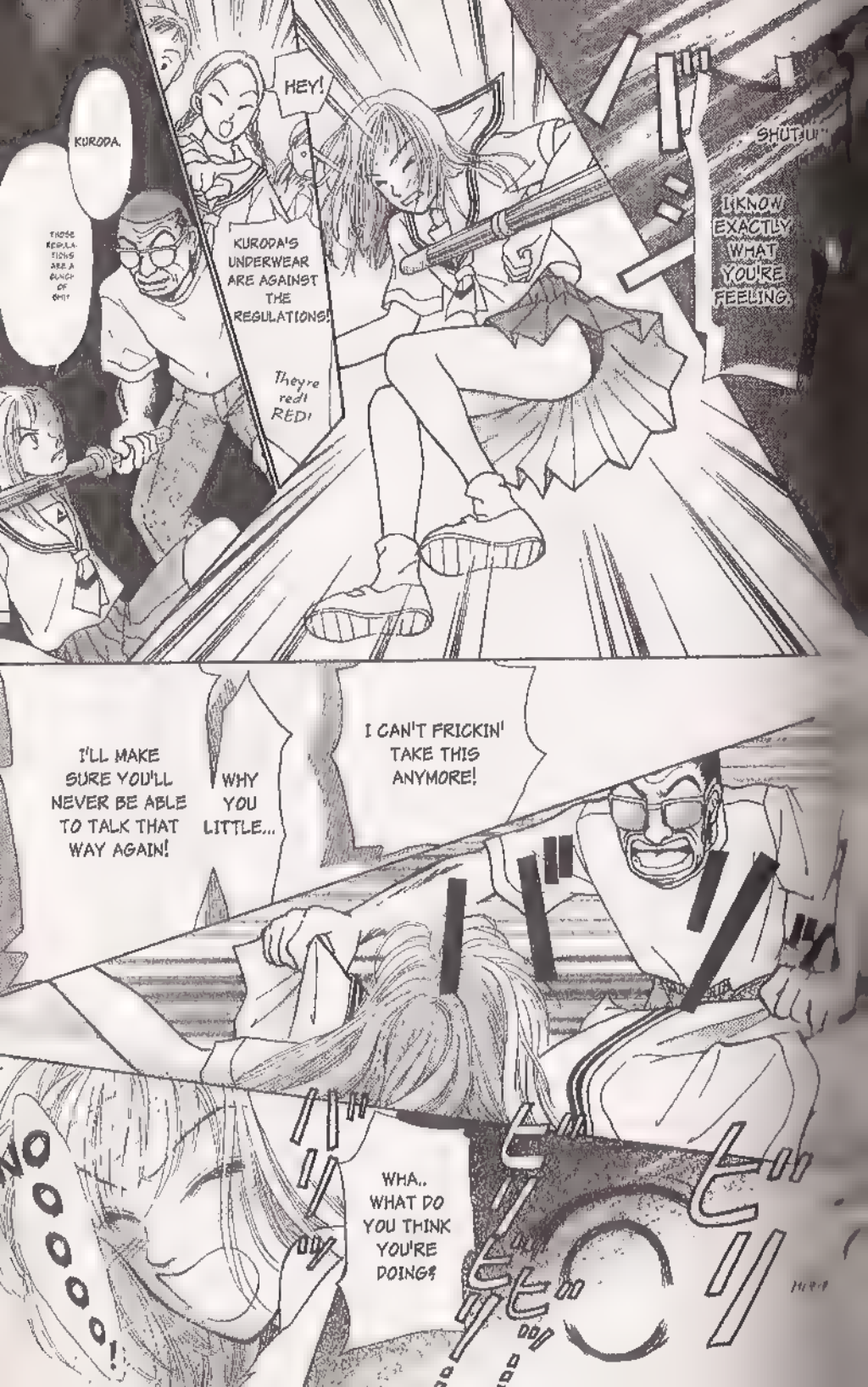
The above regulations are
hereby enacted in the second
semester.

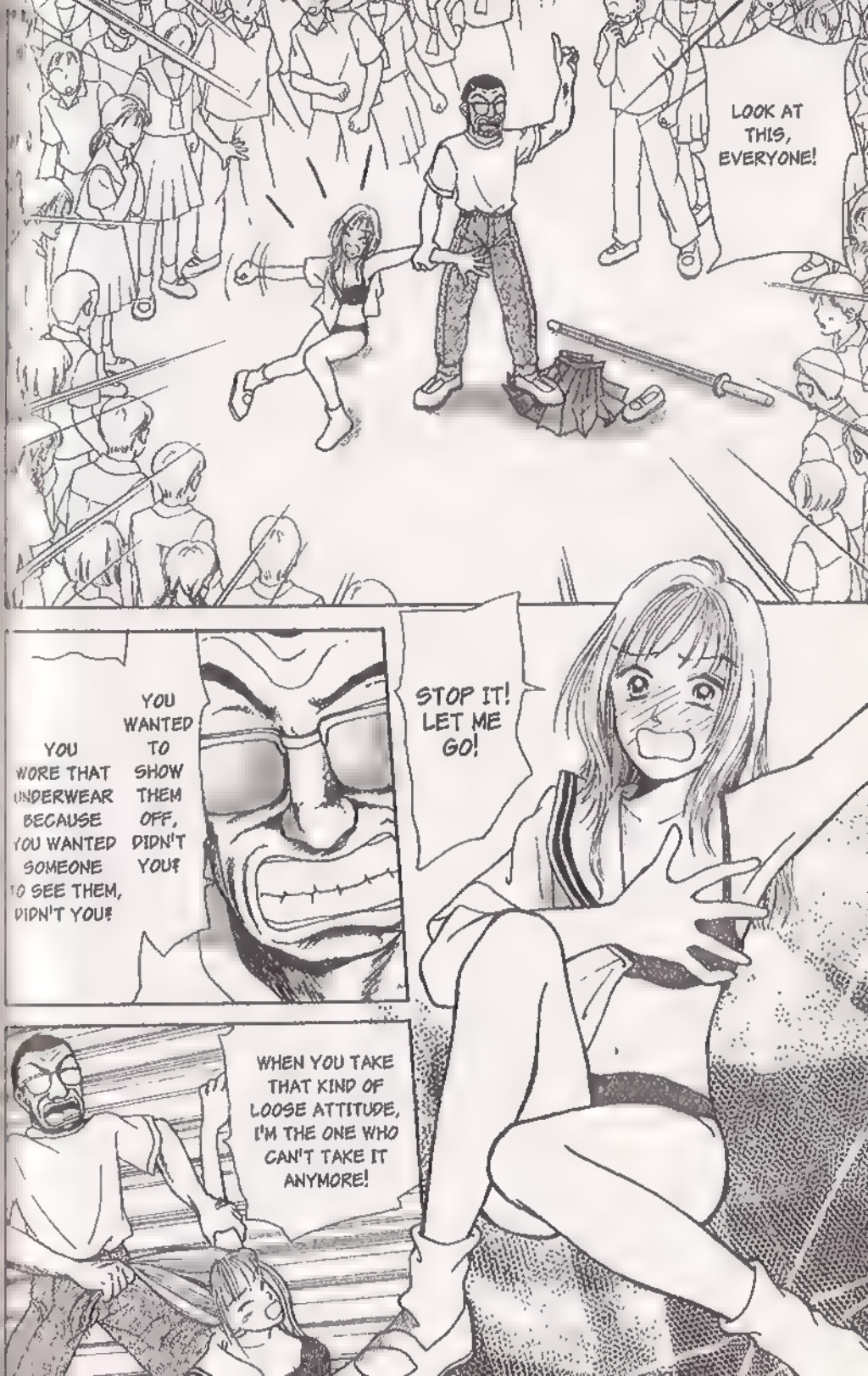
SEPTEMBER 9, 1997.

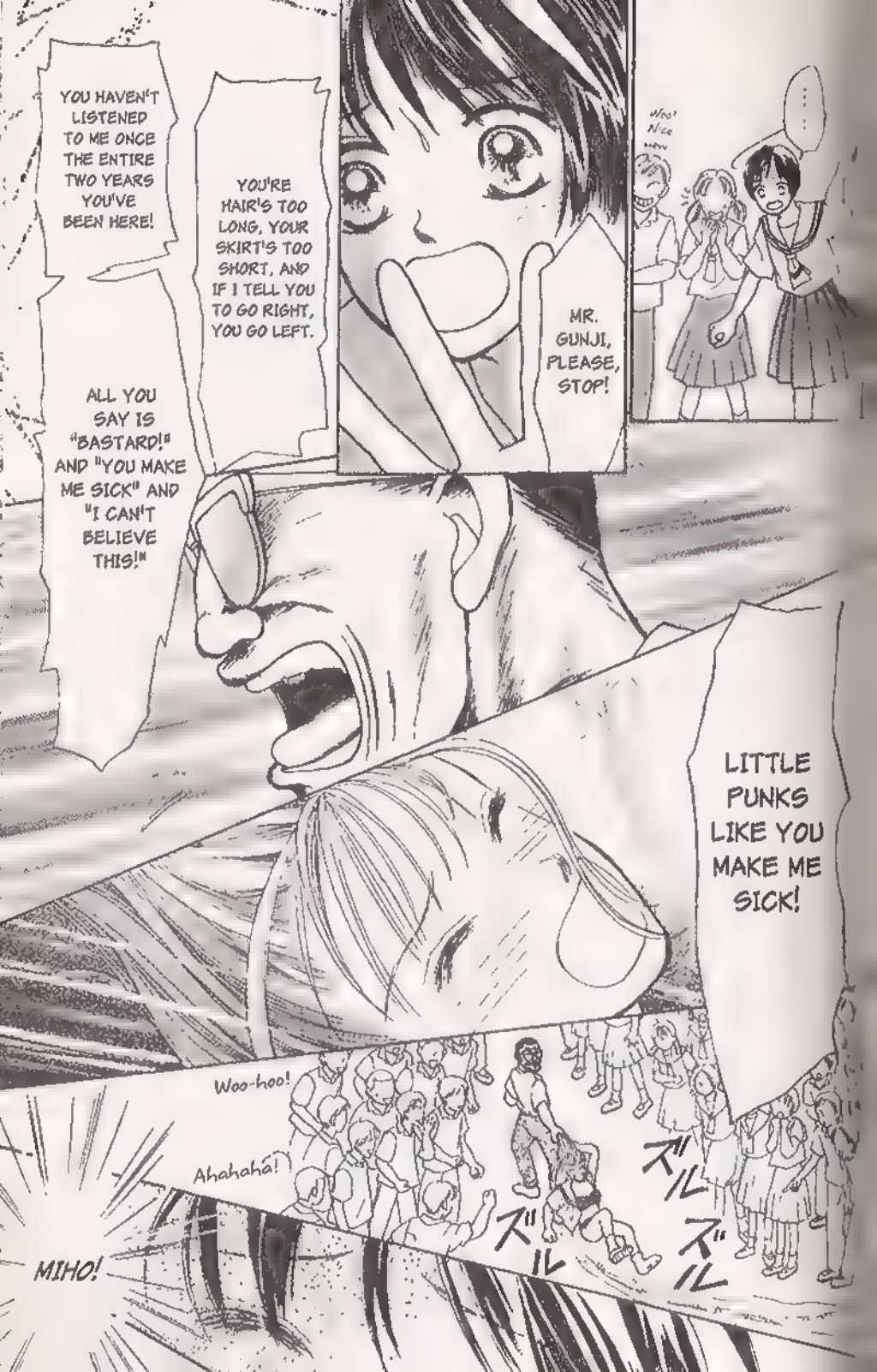
EVERY MORNING, THEY CHECK OUR UNIFORMS.

FROM NOW ON, WE'LL BE CHECKING YOUR UNDERWEAR AT THE SAME TIME!

MIHO!
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT COLOR OUR UNDERWEAR IS!
Ha!
THOUGHT SO...
DON'T YOU OLD FARTS HAVE ANYTHING BETTER TO DO?
COME ON GUYS, WAKE UP!
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF BOYS ARE AROUND OR NOT! DON'T YOU THINK THIS INSPECTION IS WEIRD?
Hey! Kuroda!
#17
#17
#17...
!!
I HAVE A REALLY BAD FEELING ABOUT TODAY.
MIHO, STOP IT!
HAVE THEY BROKEN YOU DOWN, TOO?
WHAT'S WITH YOU, AIKO?


KURODA.
THOSE REGULATIONS ARE A BUNCH OF SHIT
HEY!
KURODA'S UNDERWEAR ARE AGAINST THE REGULATIONS!
They're red! RED!
SHUT UP!
I KNOW EXACTLY WHAT YOU'RE FEELING.
I'LL MAKE SURE YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO TALK THAT WAY AGAIN!
WHY YOU LITTLE...
I CAN'T FRICKIN' TAKE THIS ANYMORE!
NOOOOO!
WHA.. WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?


LOOK AT THIS, EVERYONE!
STOP IT! LET ME GO!
YOU WANTED TO SHOW THEM OFF, DIDN'T YOU?
YOU WORE THAT UNDERWEAR BECAUSE YOU WANTED SOMEONE TO SEE THEM, DIDN'T YOU?
WHEN YOU TAKE THAT KIND OF LOOSE ATTITUDE, I'M THE ONE WHO CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!


YOU HAVEN'T LISTENED TO ME ONCE THE ENTIRE TWO YEARS YOU'VE BEEN HERE!
YOU'RE HAIR'S TOO LONG, YOUR SKIRT'S TOO SHORT, AND IF I TELL YOU TO GO RIGHT, YOU GO LEFT.
ALL YOU SAY IS "BASTARD!" AND "YOU MAKE ME SICK" AND "I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS!"
MR. GUNJI, PLEASE, STOP!
Woo! Nice titties
LITTLE PUNKS LIKE YOU MAKE ME SICK!
Woo-hoo!
Ahahaha!
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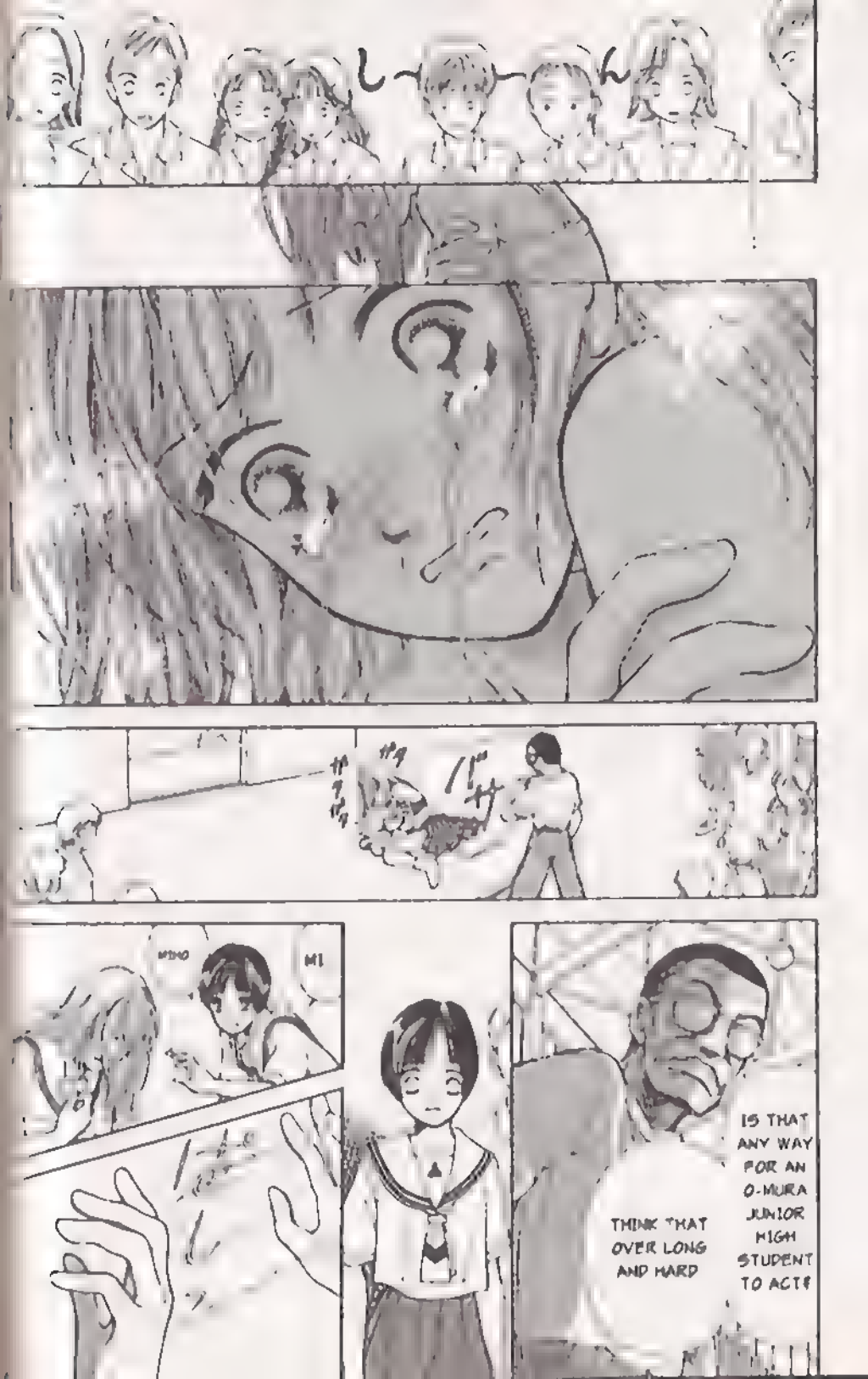
MIHO!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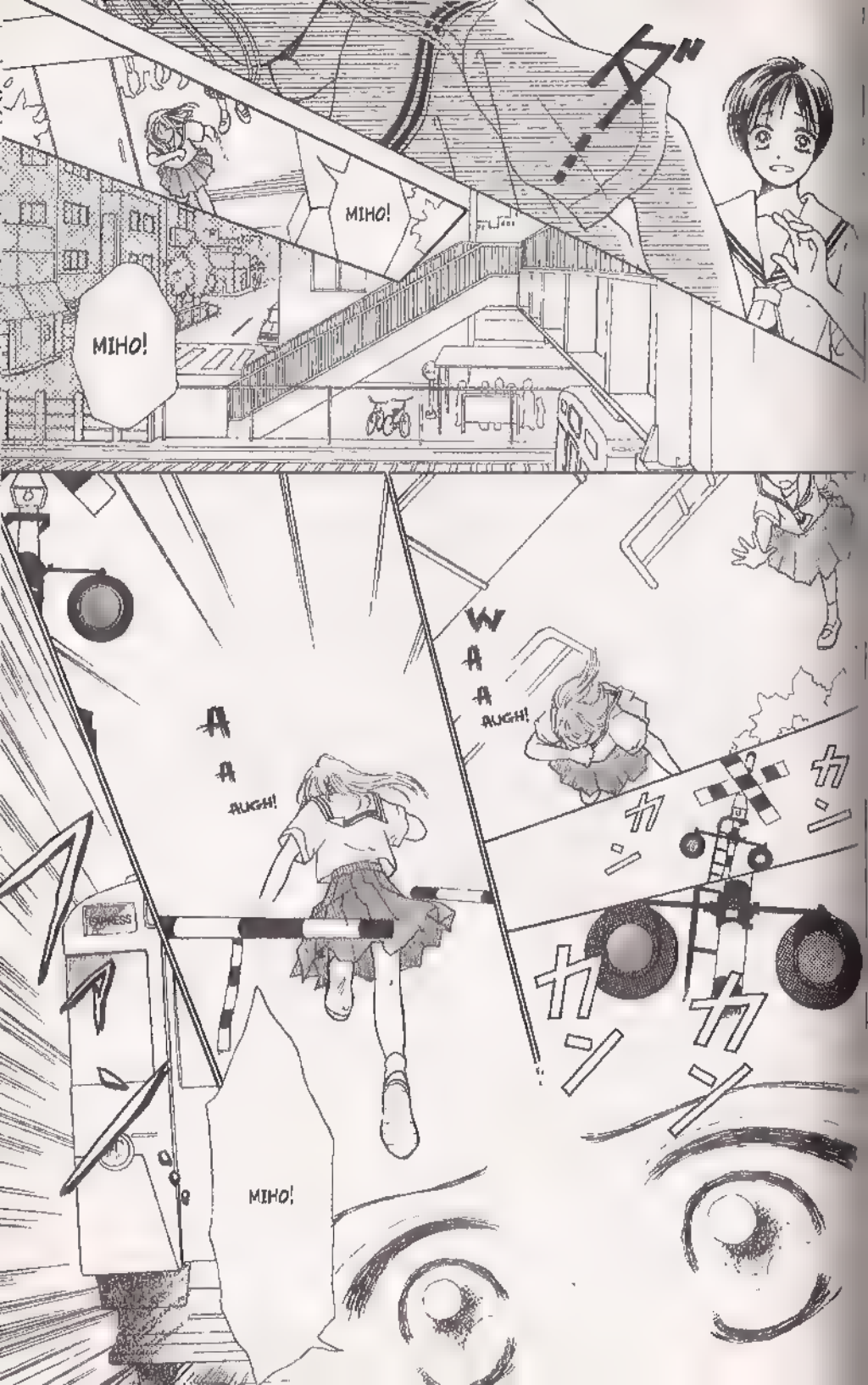
IS THAT ANY WAY FOR AN O-MURA JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT TO ACT?
THINK THAT OVER LONG AND HARD


MIHO!
MIHO!
AUGH!
AUGH!
MIHO!

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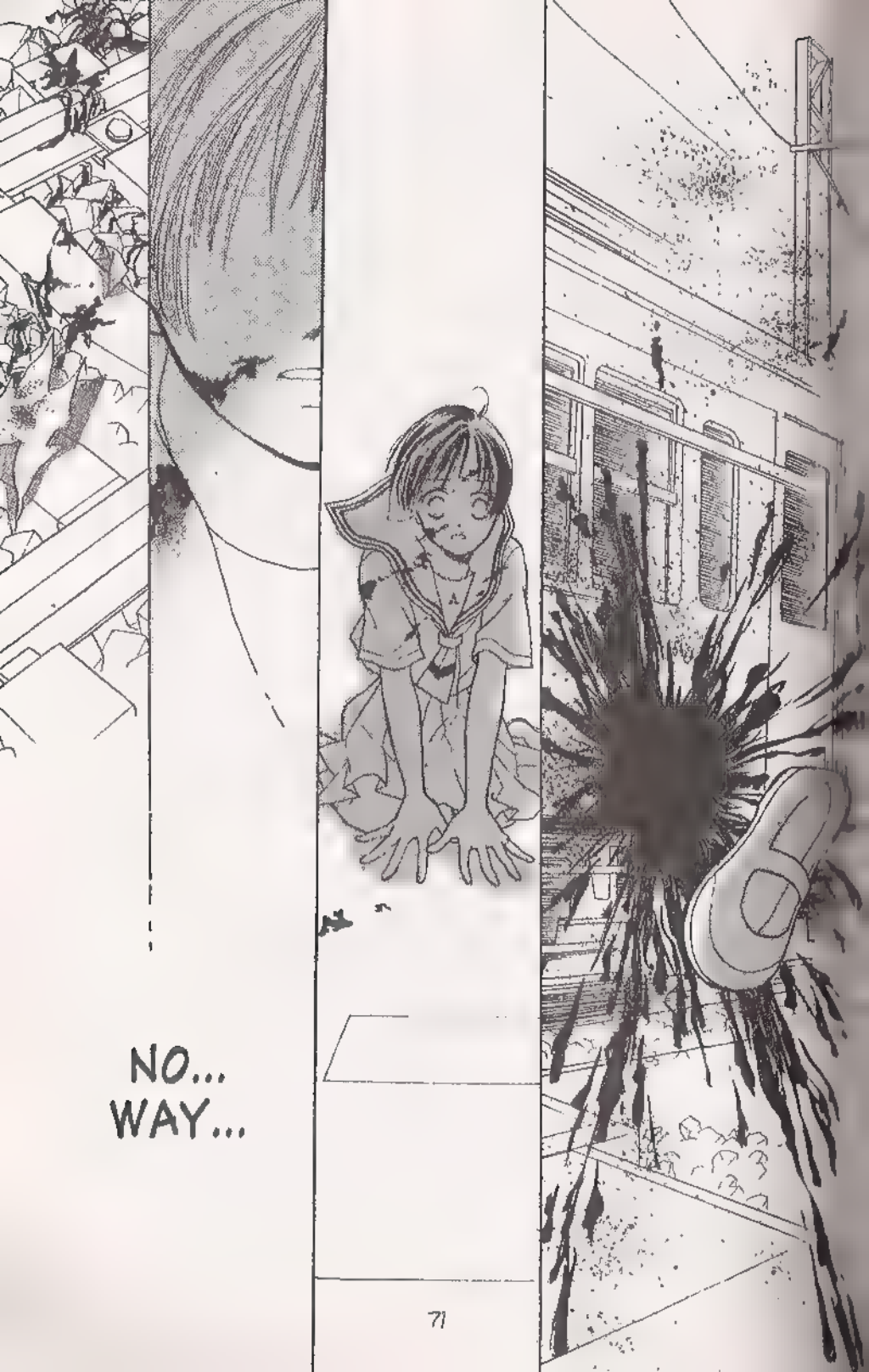
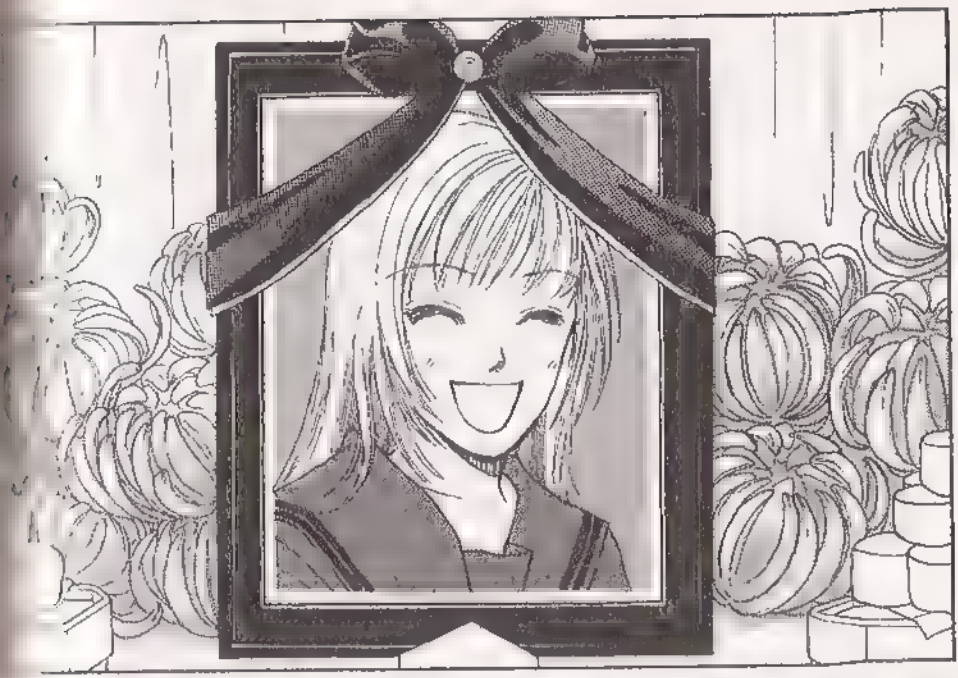
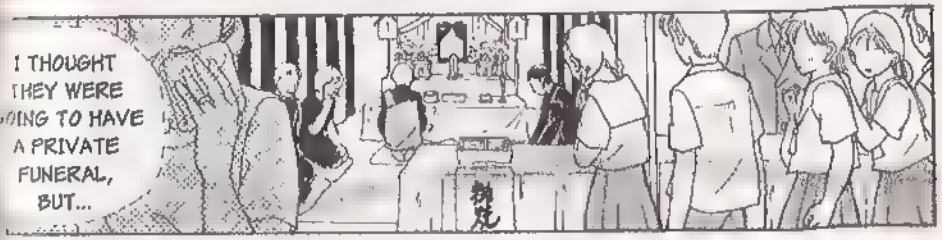
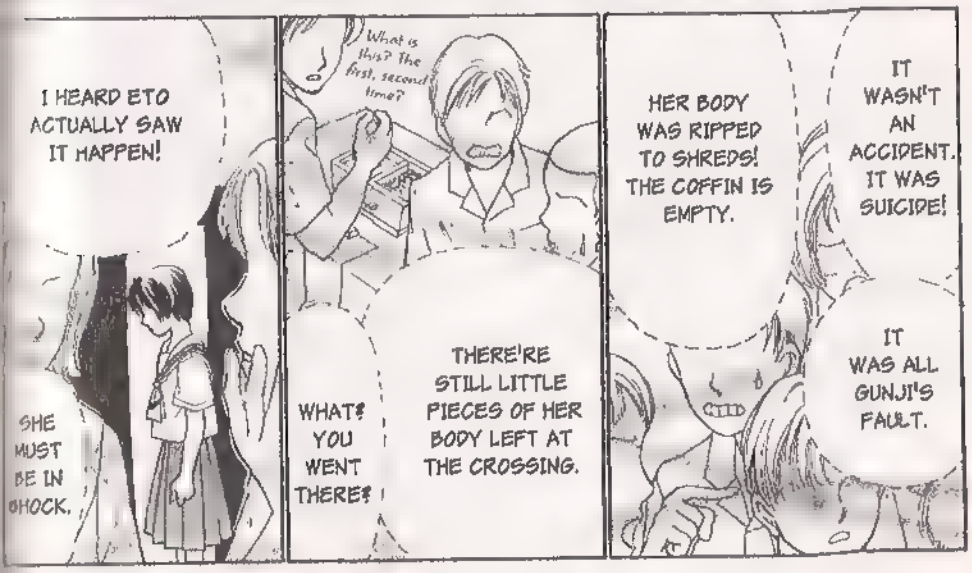

NO...
WAY...




I THOUGHT THEY WERE GOING TO HAVE A PRIVATE FUNERAL, BUT...


I HEARD ETO ACTUALLY SAW IT HAPPEN!
SHE MUST BE IN SHOCK.
What is this? The first, second time?
WHAT? YOU WENT THERE?
THERE'RE STILL LITTLE PIECES OF HER BODY LEFT AT THE CROSSING.
HER BODY WAS RIPPED TO SHREDS! THE COFFIN IS EMPTY.
IT WASN'T AN ACCIDENT. IT WAS SUICIDE!
IT WAS ALL GUNJI'S FAULT.

THEY WERE BEST FRIENDS
MR. GUNJI, WHY ARE YOU STILL TEACHING?
And the principal, too.
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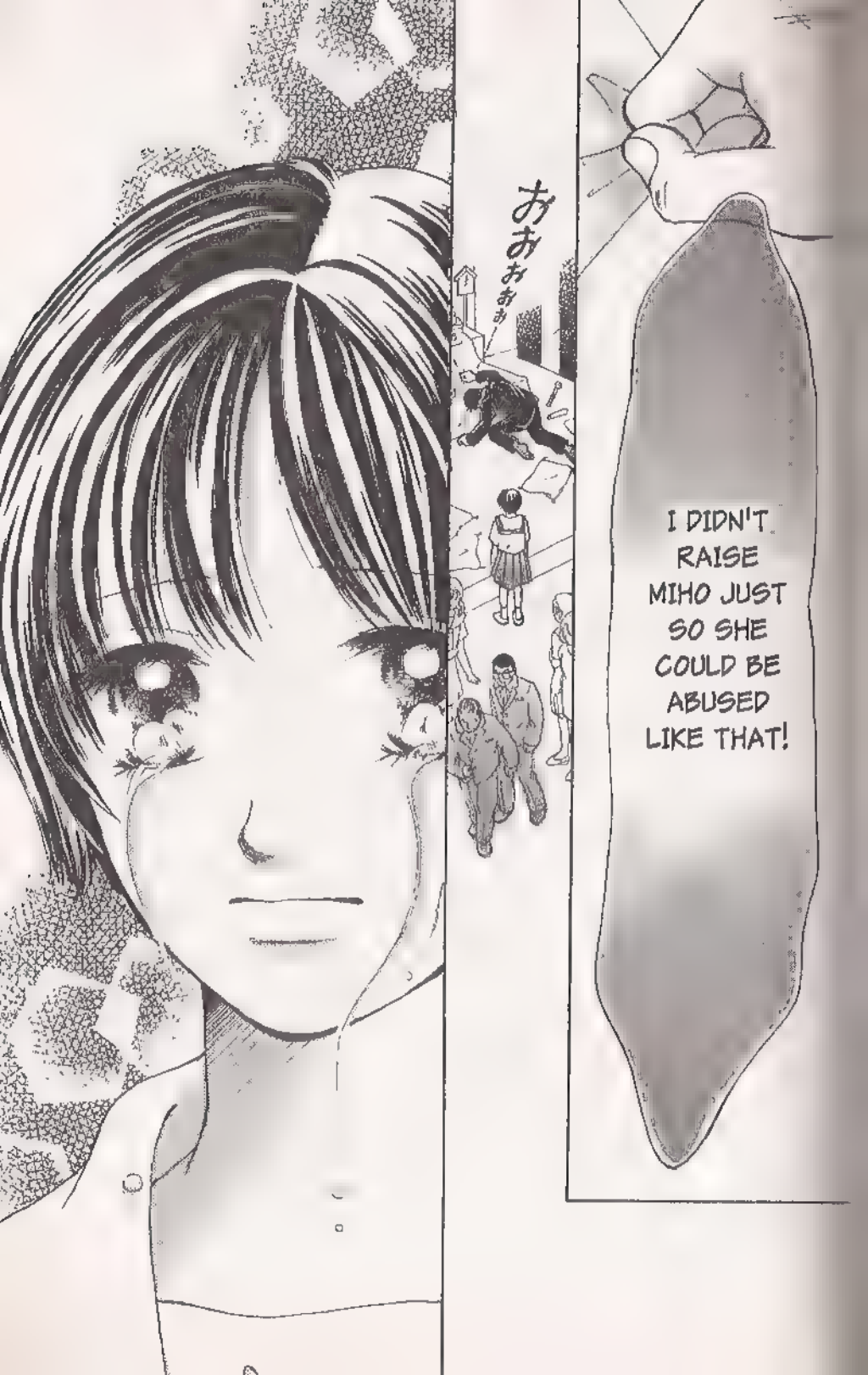
HEY !! GUN
GUN...JI...
MR. GUNJI CAME!
.....
WHY DIDN'T YOU TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR WHAT YOU DID AND STOP TEACHING?

It's Kuroda's dad!
MR. KURODA, I CAN UNDERSTAND HOW YOU FEEL, BUT...
MY DAUGHTER ALWAYS CAME HOME BEATEN UP! HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I ASKED YOU TO STOP USING PHYSICAL PUNISHMENT!
AND YOU TOO, PRINCIPAL! YOU ALWAYS SAID YOU'D GIVE HIM A WARNING BUT YOU NEVER DID, DID YOU?!
YOU SHOULD BOTH BE ASHAMED OF YOURSELVES!
YOU TEACHERS NEVER TREATED MY DAUGHTER LIKE A HUMAN BEING!
UGH!
Sob!
MIHO WAS PROBABLY MORTIFIED BY WHAT YOU DID.
HE SHOULD HAVE REPORTED THE TEACHER TO THE POLICE.
HER FATHER WAS STUPID, TOO
HE SHOULD HAVE MADE HER QUIT THAT SCHOOL.
A LITTLE SOONER
He's exaggerating things
Physical punishment?
How rude! Let's go!
Hmph!
I...I DIDN'T...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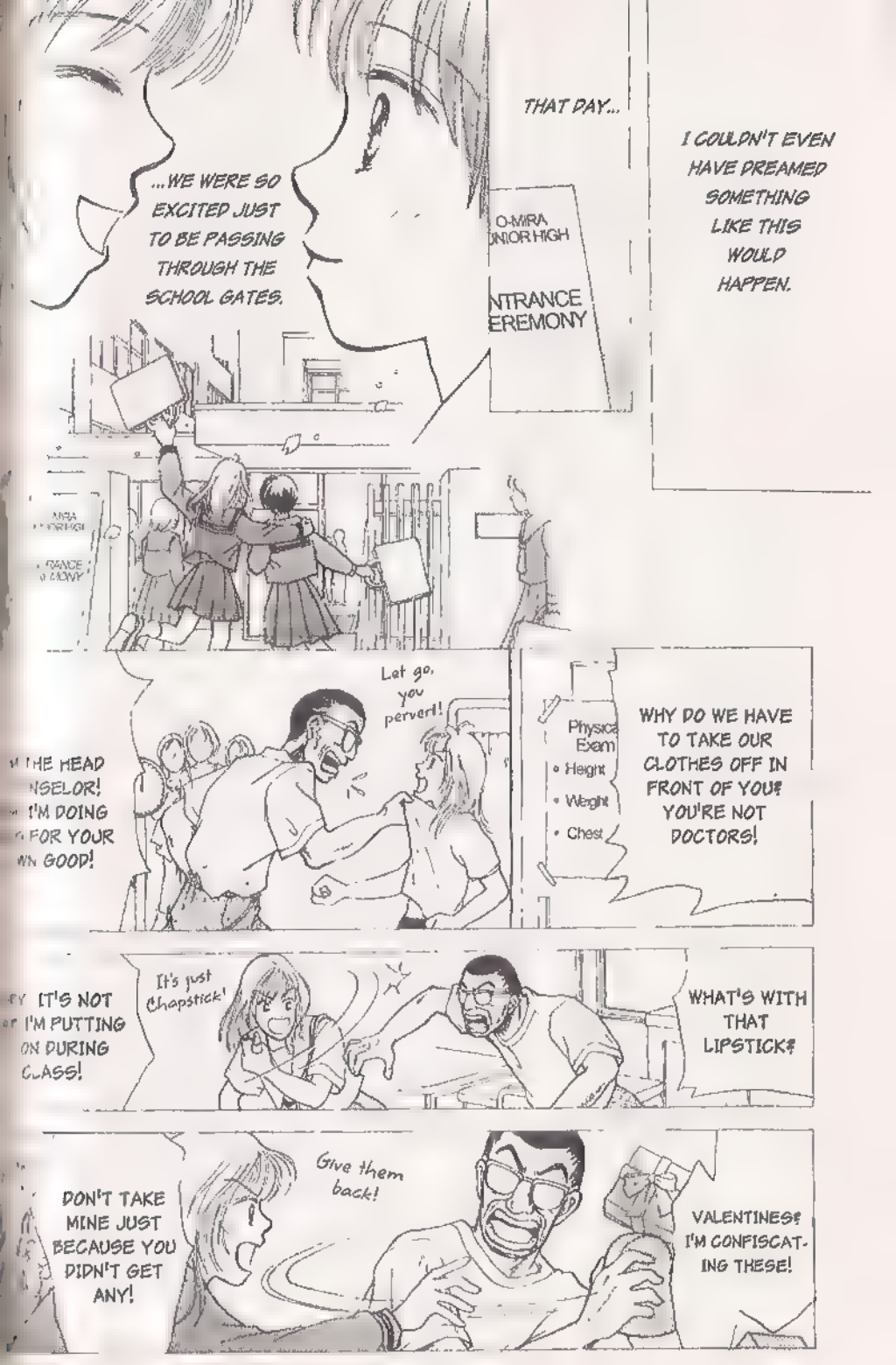
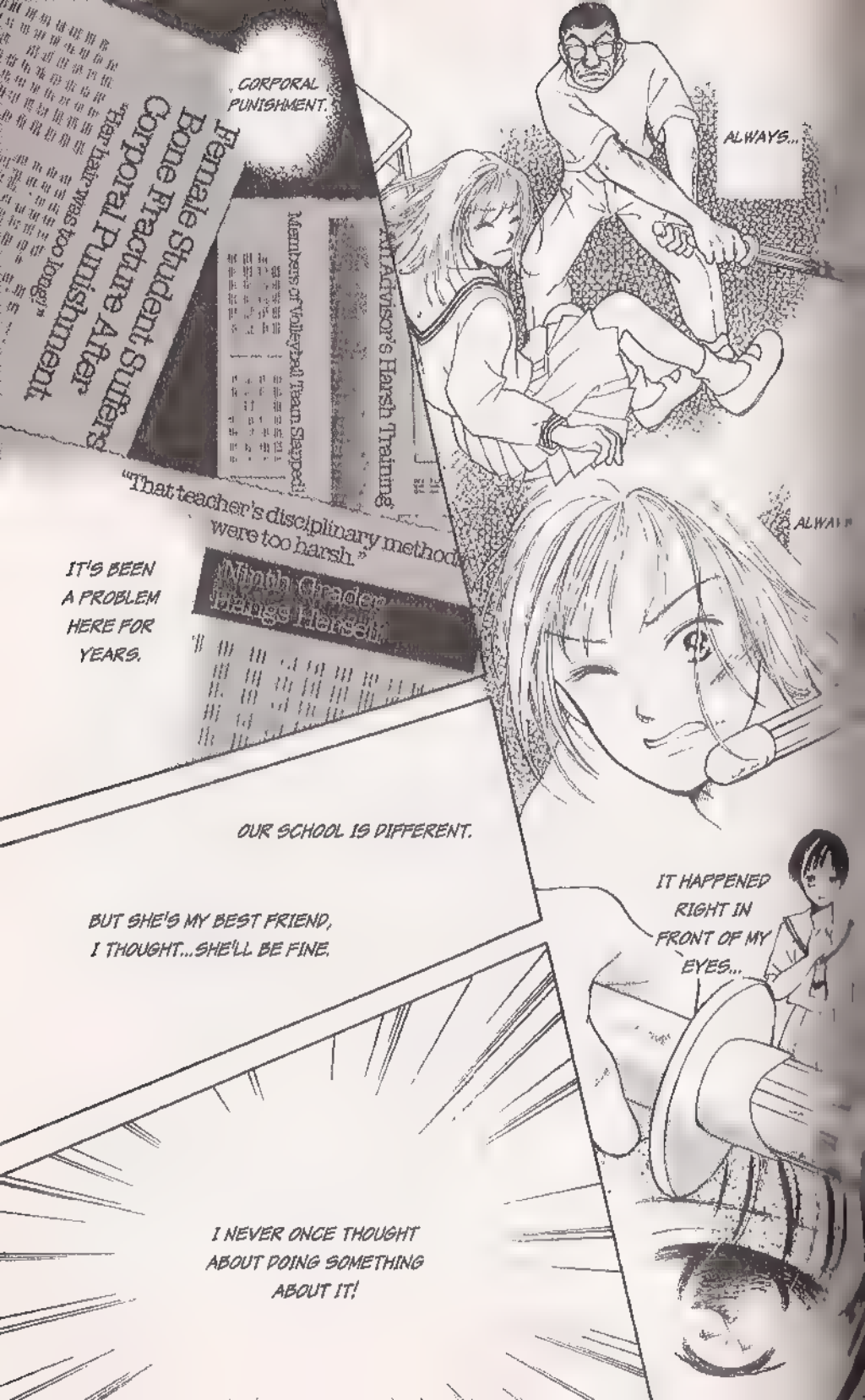
I DIDN'T RAISE MIHO JUST SO SHE COULD BE ABUSED LIKE THAT!


...WE WERE SO EXCITED JUST TO BE PASSING THROUGH THE SCHOOL GATES.
THAT DAY...
I COULDN'T EVEN HAVE DREAMED SOMETHING LIKE THIS WOULD HAPPEN.
Let go, you pervert!
WHY DO WE HAVE TO TAKE OUR CLOTHES OFF IN FRONT OF YOU? YOU'RE NOT DOCTORS!
Physical Exam
• Height
• Weight
• Chest
It's just Chapstick!
WHAT'S WITH THAT LIPSTICK?
Give them back!
VALENTINES? I'M CONFISCATING THESE!
DON'T TAKE MINE JUST BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T GET ANY!


CORPORAL PUNISHMENT.
Female Student Suffers Bone Fracture After Corporal Punishment
"Her hair was too long."
Members of Volleyball Team Slapped
Advisor's Harsh Training
"That teacher's disciplinary method were too harsh."
Ninth Grader Hangs Herself
IT'S BEEN A PROBLEM HERE FOR YEARS.
ALWAYS...
ALWAYS...
OUR SCHOOL IS DIFFERENT.
BUT SHE'S MY BEST FRIEND, I THOUGHT...SHE'LL BE FINE.
IT HAPPENED RIGHT IN FRONT OF MY EYES...
I NEVER ONCE THOUGHT ABOUT DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT!

BY THE TIME I REALIZED IT JUST WASN'T RIGHT, THAT HE WAS BEING TOO HARSH...
...SHE WAS GONE.
.....
I HEARD RUMORS....
...THAT THE REASON SHE COMMITTED SUICIDE WAS STRESS OVER GRADES AND FAMILY PROBLEMS.
Huh?
THEY'RE REALLY SAYING STUFF LIKE THAT?
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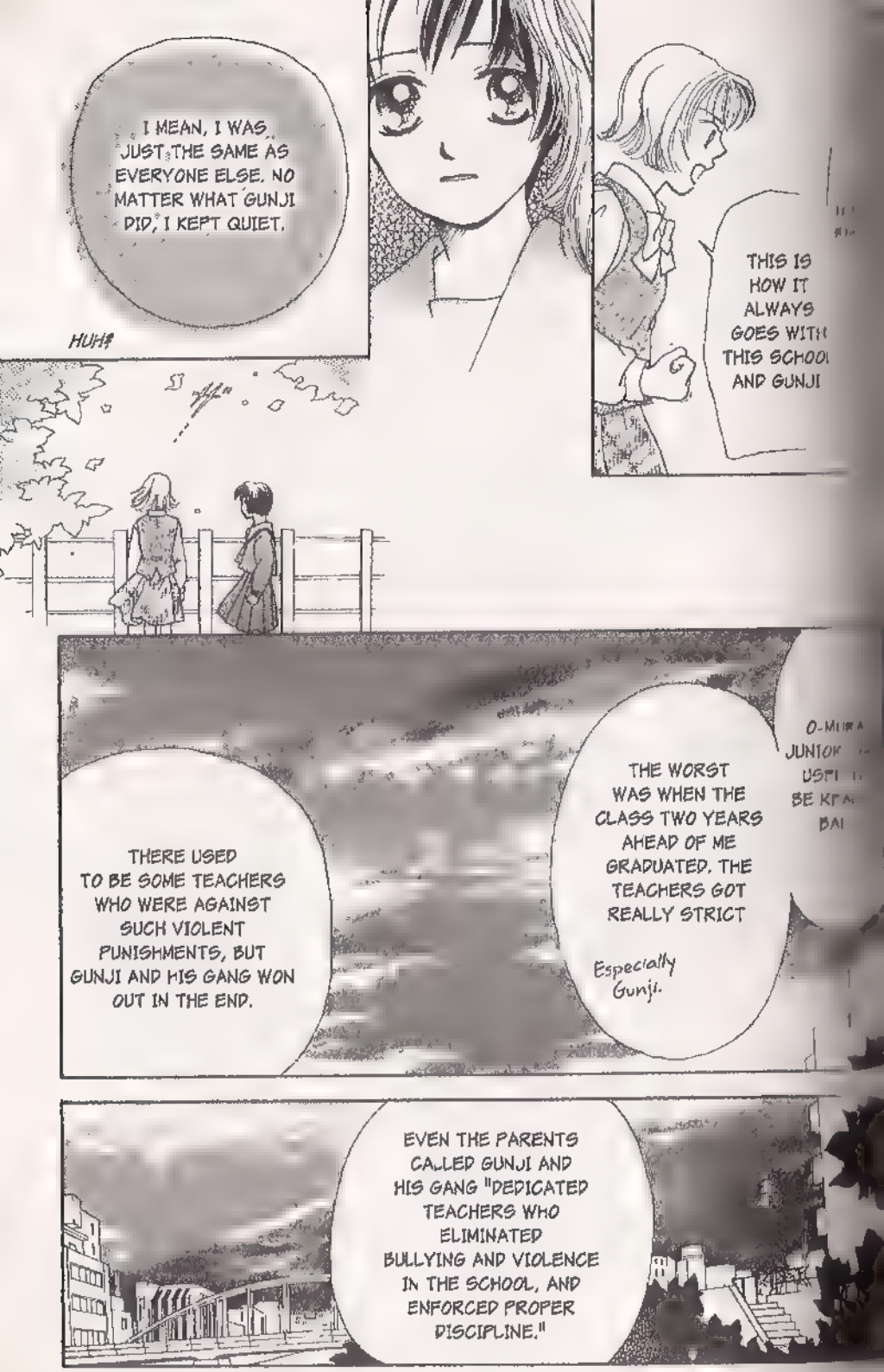
I MEAN, I WAS JUST THE SAME AS EVERYONE ELSE. NO MATTER WHAT GUNJI DID, I KEPT QUIET.
HUH?
THIS IS HOW IT ALWAYS GOES WITH THIS SCHOOL AND GUNJI
THERE USED TO BE SOME TEACHERS WHO WERE AGAINST SUCH VIOLENT PUNISHMENTS, BUT GUNJI AND HIS GANG WON OUT IN THE END.
THE WORST WAS WHEN THE CLASS TWO YEARS AHEAD OF ME GRADUATED. THE TEACHERS GOT REALLY STRICT
Especially Gunji.
EVEN THE PARENTS CALLED GUNJI AND HIS GANG "DEDICATED TEACHERS WHO ELIMINATED BULLYING AND VIOLENCE IN THE SCHOOL, AND ENFORCED PROPER DISCIPLINE."

IN ORDER TO DISCIPLINE BOTH MIND AND BODY, RIGHT?
HEY, DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS?
BUT EVERYONE WAS TRICKED.
HUH?
THEY WERE EVEN TRYING TO MAKE IT SO THAT ALL STUDENTS HAD TO BE IN SOME SORT OF SPORTS CLUB UNTIL THEIR LAST YEAR.
IN OTHER WORDS, IT WAS A STRATEGY TO PREVENT STUDENTS FROM FIGHTING BACK.
THE REAL IDEA WAS THAT IF THE KIDS DID SPORTS, THEY'D BE TOO TIRED TO EVEN THINK OF MISBEHAVING.

I ALWAYS JUST ASSUMED THAT I SHOULD ALWAYS OBEY THE SCHOOL RULES. I NEVER REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT IT. I JUST DID AS I WAS TOLD.
...BUT...
BUT...
I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO KEEP REGRETTING THE PAST. I HAD TO DO SOMETHING.
...I COULDN'T JUST KEEP CRYING OVER MIHO'S DEATH.
...RIGHT THEN, I KNEW. .
O - MIRA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

ONE!
ALL RIGHT! LET ME HEAR YOU READ FROM THE RULES!
"SKIRTS MUST BE LONGER THAN 3 INCHES BELOW THE KNEES."
"UNIFORMS MUST BE WORN OUTSIDE, EVEN ON HOLIDAYS!"
TWO!
THAT'S RIGHT.
IT'S LIKE THE STUDENTS ARE TOTALLY BRAINWASHED.
RULES ARE THE BEST!
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HOORAY FOR SCHOOL RULES!
...IS JUST LIKE A CULT. THE GUNJI CULT!
THIS SCHOOL

...EVEN THE FEMALE TEACHERS ARE DOING IT NOW.
AS YOUR PUNISHMENT, DO TEN LAPS!
...AND CORPORAL PUNISHMENT.
Can't even YOU understand something so SIMPLE?
...VERBAL ABUSE...
YOU DON'T EVEN DESERVE TO BE ALIVE!
THEY CREATE SILLY RULES, THEN USE VIOLENCE TO ENFORCE THEM.
THEY MAKE US PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS CLUBS SO WE WON'T HAVE THE TIME OR ENERGY TO FIGHT BACK.
WHO DO THEY THINK WE ARE, ANYWAY?
THEY SAY THEY'VE ELIMINATED BULLYING AND VIOLENCE IN THE SCHOOL...
...BUT AREN'T THE TEACHERS JUST BULLYING THE STUDENTS?
ISN'T WHAT THEY'RE DOING VIOLENT?

Tie that strap!
THEY MAKE US WEAR SAFETY HELMETS GOING TO AND FROM SCHOOL...
BUT IT'S MORE DANGEROUS INSIDE THE SCHOOL THAN OUT!
Goodbye!
Goodbye!
Him again?
Hey, it's Kuroda's dad.
MR. KURODA... PLEASE CALM DOWN!
TRYING TO RUN AWAY FROM ME, GUNJI?
I'M GOING TO SUE YOU!
MR. GUNJI WAS CLEARLY THE VICTIM HERE!
HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA KEEP UP YOUR YELLING?
MISTER...!
Go away!
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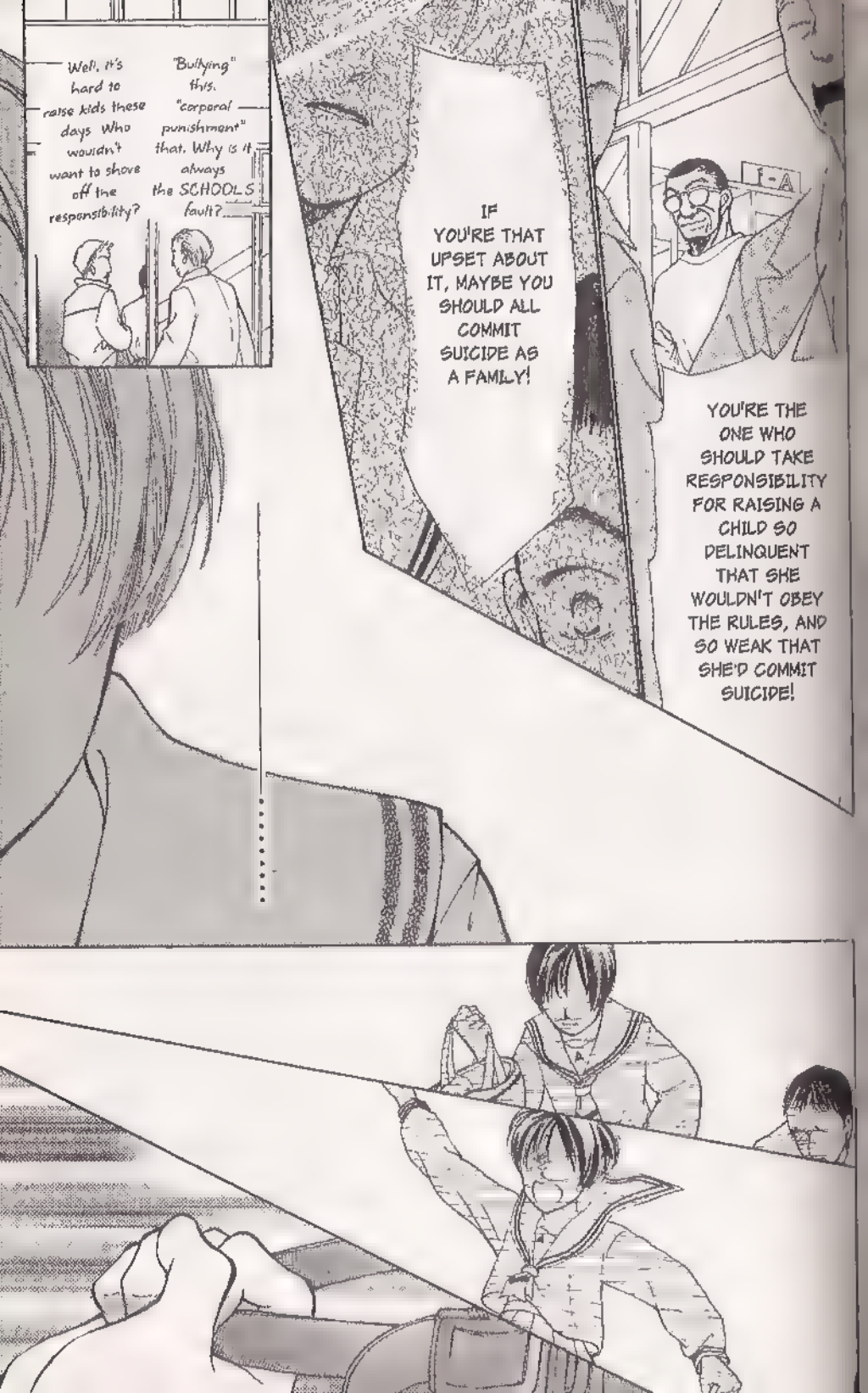
I DON'T CARE IF I HAVE TO GO INTO DEBT... I WILL BRING YOU TO JUSTICE!
AND I'M NOT GOING TO LOSE!


Well, it's hard to raise kids these days. Who wouldn't want to shove off the responsibility?
"Bullying" this, "corporal punishment" that. Why is it always the SCHOOL'S fault?
IF YOU'RE THAT UPSET ABOUT IT, MAYBE YOU SHOULD ALL COMMIT SUICIDE AS A FAMILY!
I-A
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SHOULD TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR RAISING A CHILD SO DELINQUENT THAT SHE WOULDN'T OBEY THE RULES, AND SO WEAK THAT SHE'D COMMIT SUICIDE!
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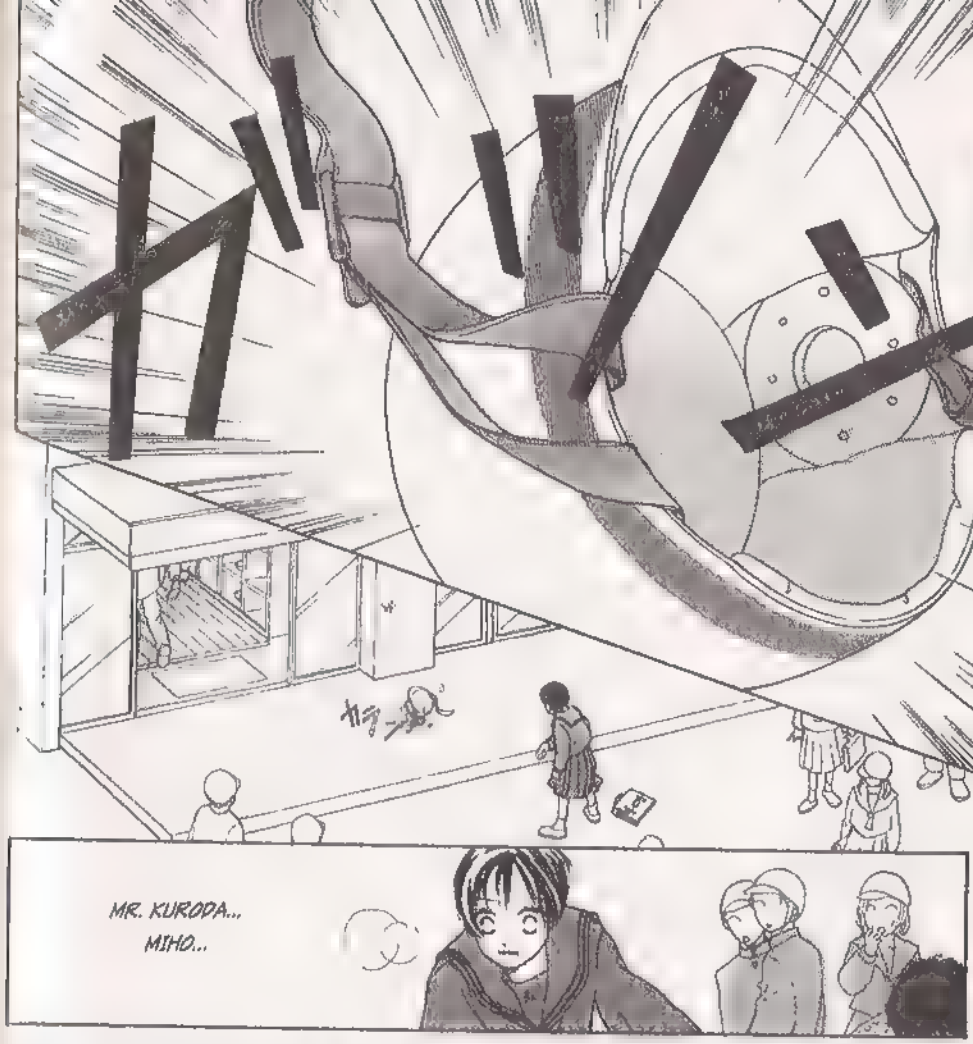
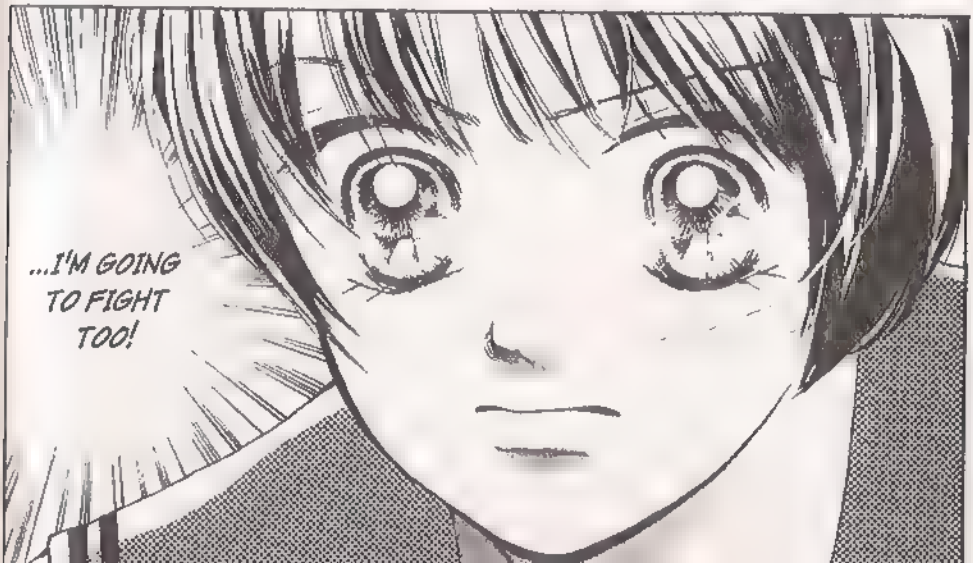
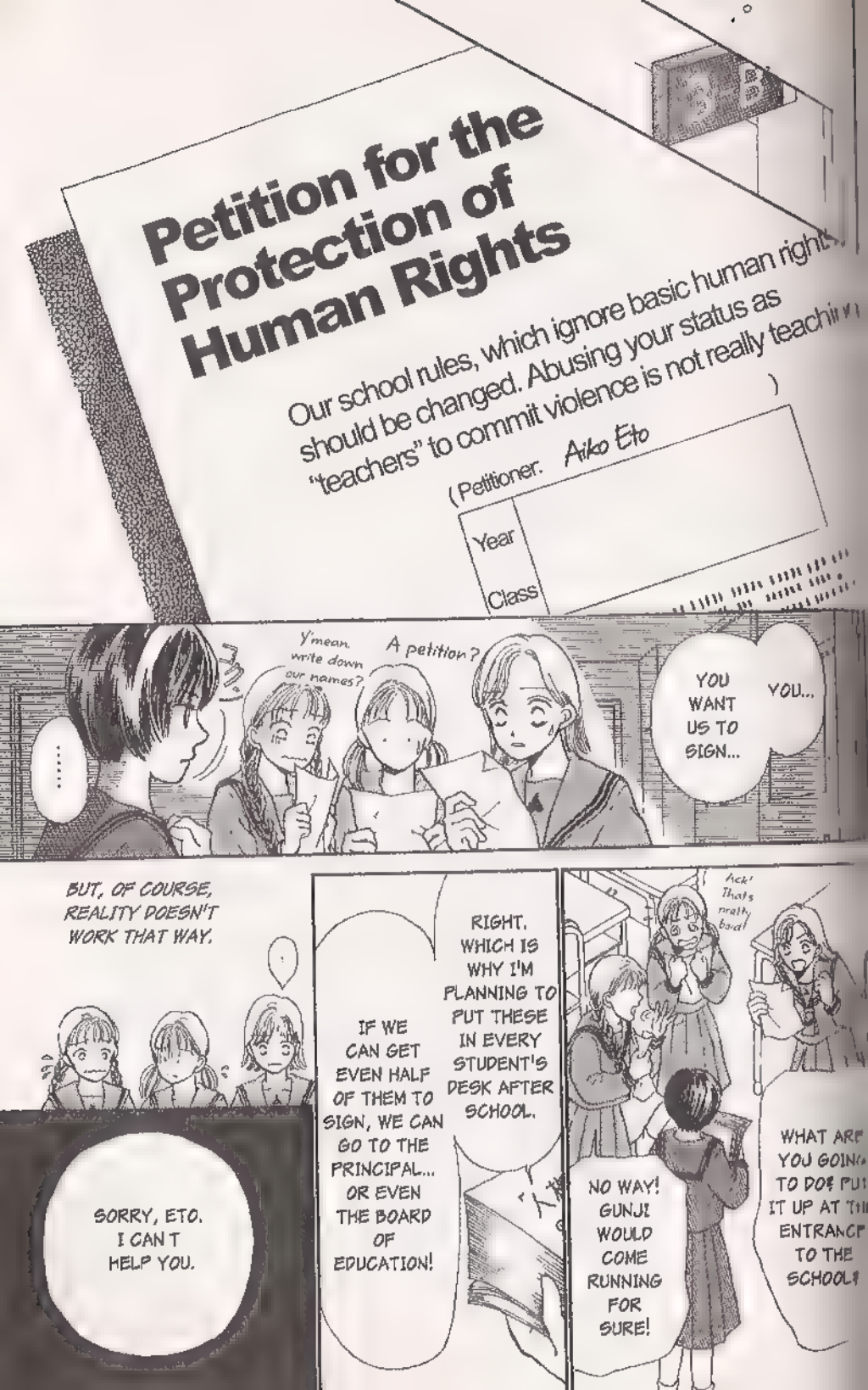
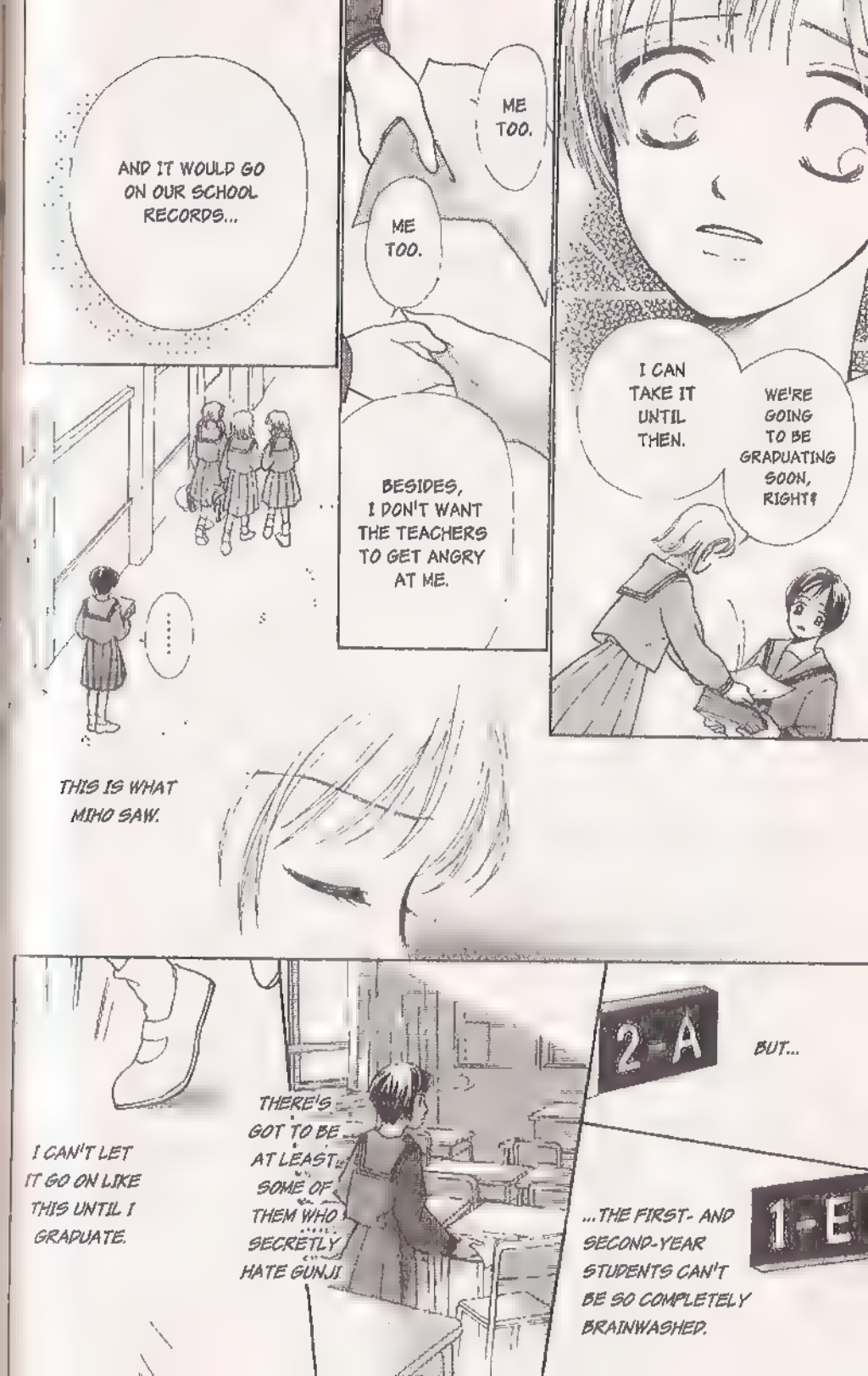

MR. KURODA...
MIHO...


...I'M GOING TO FIGHT TOO!


Petition for the Protection of Human Rights
Our school rules, which ignore basic human rights, should be changed. Abusing your status as "teachers" to commit violence is not really teaching.
(Petitioner. Aiko Eto
Year
Class
A petition?
Y'mean, write down our names?
.....
YOU WANT US TO SIGN...
YOU...
RIGHT. WHICH IS WHY I'M PLANNING TO PUT THESE IN EVERY STUDENT'S DESK AFTER SCHOOL.
IF WE CAN GET EVEN HALF OF THEM TO SIGN, WE CAN GO TO THE PRINCIPAL... OR EVEN THE BOARD OF EDUCATION!
Ack! That's meth, bad!
NO WAY! GUNJI WOULD COME RUNNING FOR SURE!
WHAT ARE YOU GOIN TO DO? PU IT UP AT TH ENTRANCE TO THE SCHOOL?
BUT, OF COURSE, REALITY DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY.
SORRY, ETO. I CAN'T HELP YOU.


AND IT WOULD GO ON OUR SCHOOL RECORDS...
ME TOO.
ME TOO.
BESIDES, I DON'T WANT THE TEACHERS TO GET ANGRY AT ME.
I CAN TAKE IT UNTIL THEN.
WE'RE GOING TO BE GRADUATING SOON, RIGHT?
.....
THIS IS WHAT MIHO SAW.
I CAN'T LET IT GO ON LIKE THIS UNTIL I GRADUATE.
THERE'S GOT TO BE AT LEAST SOME OF THEM WHO SECRETLY HATE GUNJI.
2-A
BUT...
1-E
...THE FIRST- AND SECOND-YEAR STUDENTS CAN'T BE SO COMPLETELY BRAINWASHED.

Please put these papers n the food n next to the rabbit
Things are fine the way they are!
You have to obey basic rules in order to get along in societ
If you're not gonna obey the rules, why don you leave school!
There are a lot of schools that are even MORE st
WHY?!
STU-U-UPID!
WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE TROUBLE, ETO?
ARE YOU GOING TO HAVE TO LOSE YOUR BEST FRIENDS TO REALIZE WHAT'S GOING ON?
MIHO...
HAVE THEY BROKEN YOU DOWN, TOO?
COMF
GLI
WAK

THE ONLY ONE STUPID ENOUGH TO GO AGAINST THE RULES WAS YOU.
...NOT OBEYING EVERYTHING THIS GUY SAYS IS EVEN MORE STUPID...
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE TRYING TO PULL, ETO? WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
Hmph!
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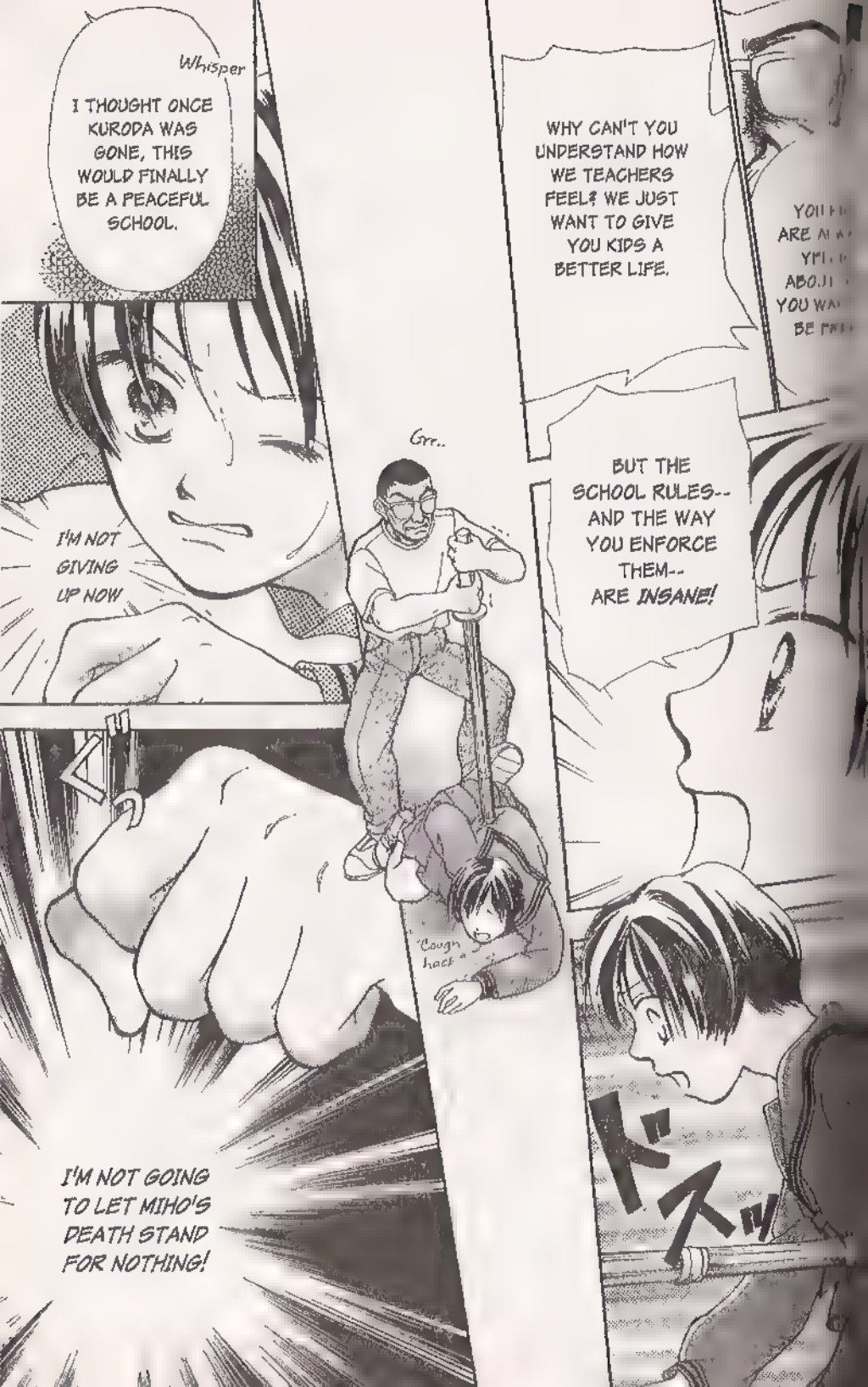
I JUST CAME TO MY SENSES, THAT'S ALL.


Whisper
I THOUGHT ONCE KURODA WAS GONE, THIS WOULD FINALLY BE A PEACEFUL SCHOOL.
I'M NOT GIVING UP NOW
Grr..
Cough hack
I'M NOT GOING TO LET MIHO'S DEATH STAND FOR NOTHING!
WHY CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND HOW WE TEACHERS FEEL? WE JUST WANT TO GIVE YOU KIDS A BETTER LIFE.
BUT THE SCHOOL RULES-- AND THE WAY YOU ENFORCE THEM-- ARE INSANE!
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School Rule No. 10:
During Physical Edu
class, students shall
their shirts into their
letic shorts.
NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES...
PLEASE, GUYS...
Gunji's coming!
IS SHE TRYING TO IMITATE KURODA?
OH, NO... ETO, ARE YOU DOING THIS ON PURPOSE?
What happened to her?
YOU LITTLE BRAT.. STILL TRYING TO CAUSE TROUBLE, EH?
Magic Marker
...REMEMBER...
..MIHO...
Kuroda
Eto
HMPH
YOU HAVE VIOLATED THE SCHOOL RULES!
FOR THE REST OF THE DAY, YOU'LL BE KNOWN ONLY AS "9TH GRADE, CLASS B, NUMBER 1."
Magic Ma
(BLACK)

3B-1
Ha, ha!
A PRISONER NUMBER!
How embarrassing.
IT'S JUST LIKE THE ONE HE GAVE KURODA!
3B-1
Chuckle, chuckle!
...IF TUCKING OUR SHIRTS INTO OUR SHORTS.. OR HAVING SHORT HAIR .. SUDDENLY BECAME REALLY POPULAR AMONG THE STUDENTS, YOU'D BAN THAT INSTEAD, WOULDN'T YOU?
MESSING WITH OUR LIVES...
YOU MAKE UP THESE STUPID SCHOOL RULES JUST TO BAN WHATEVER IS POPULAR, FOR NO REAL REASON.
SHUT UP!
MIHO DIDN'T TIE HER HAIR BACK, BUT IT WASN'T HURTING ANYONE. IT DIDN'T LOOK MESSY OR ANYTHING.
IS JUST LEAVING MY SHIRT OUT THAT EVIL?
IS IT REALLY THAT BAD?
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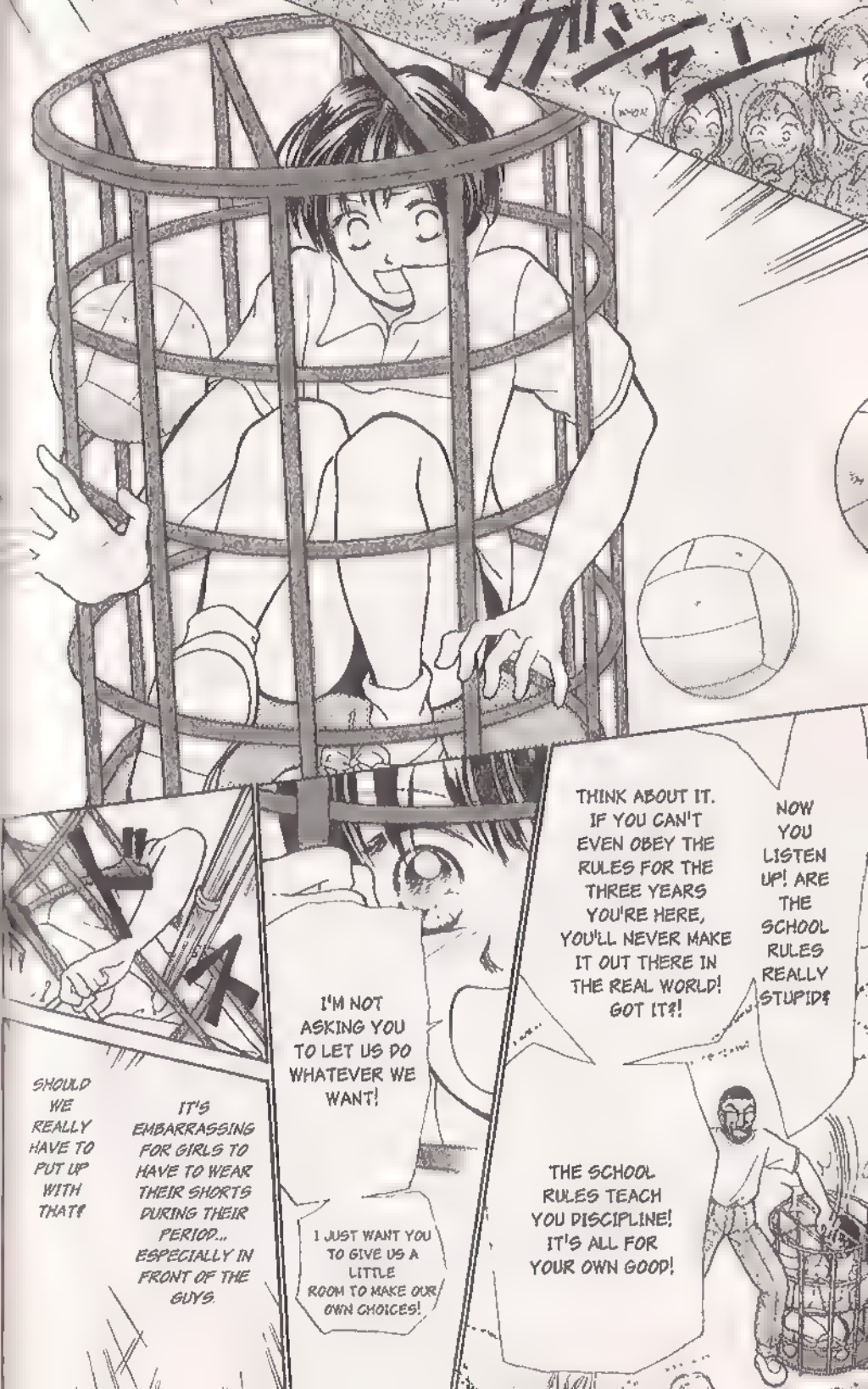
IF...
"NUMBER ONE?"
WANT TO THROW ONE OF THESE BALLS AT ME,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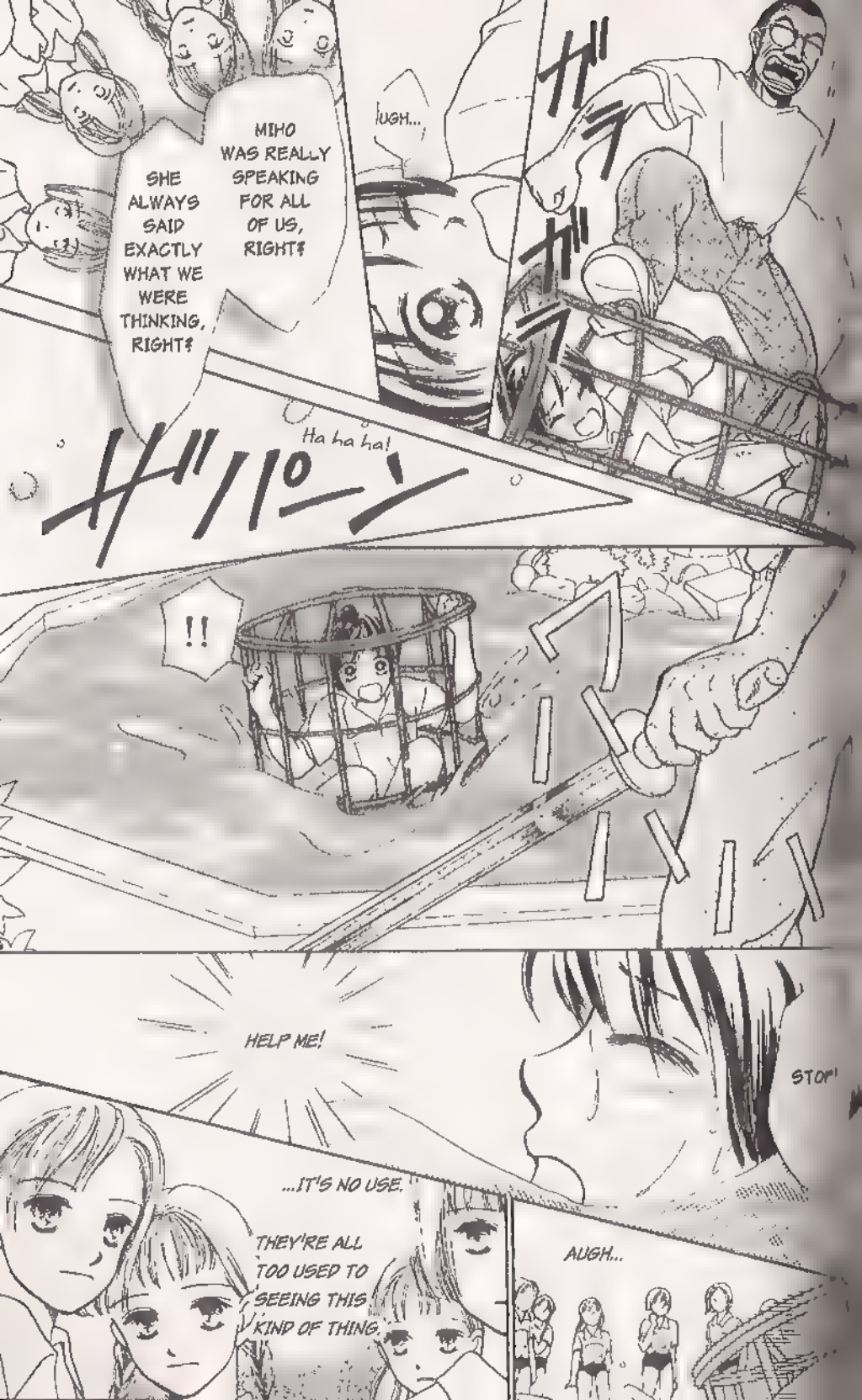
NOW YOU LISTEN UP! ARE THE SCHOOL RULES REALLY STUPID?
THINK ABOUT IT. IF YOU CAN'T EVEN OBEY THE RULES FOR THE THREE YEARS YOU'RE HERE, YOU'LL NEVER MAKE IT OUT THERE IN THE REAL WORLD! GOT IT?!
THE SCHOOL RULES TEACH YOU DISCIPLINE! IT'S ALL FOR YOUR OWN GOOD!
I'M NOT ASKING YOU TO LET US DO WHATEVER WE WANT!
I JUST WANT YOU TO GIVE US A LITTLE ROOM TO MAKE OUR OWN CHOICES!
IT'S EMBARRASSING FOR GIRLS TO HAVE TO WEAR THEIR SHORTS DURING THEIR PERIOD... ESPECIALLY IN FRONT OF THE GUYS.
SHOULD WE REALLY HAVE TO PUT UP WITH THAT?


SHE ALWAYS SAID EXACTLY WHAT WE WERE THINKING, RIGHT?
MIHO WAS REALLY SPEAKING FOR ALL OF US, RIGHT?
UGH...
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Ha ha ha!
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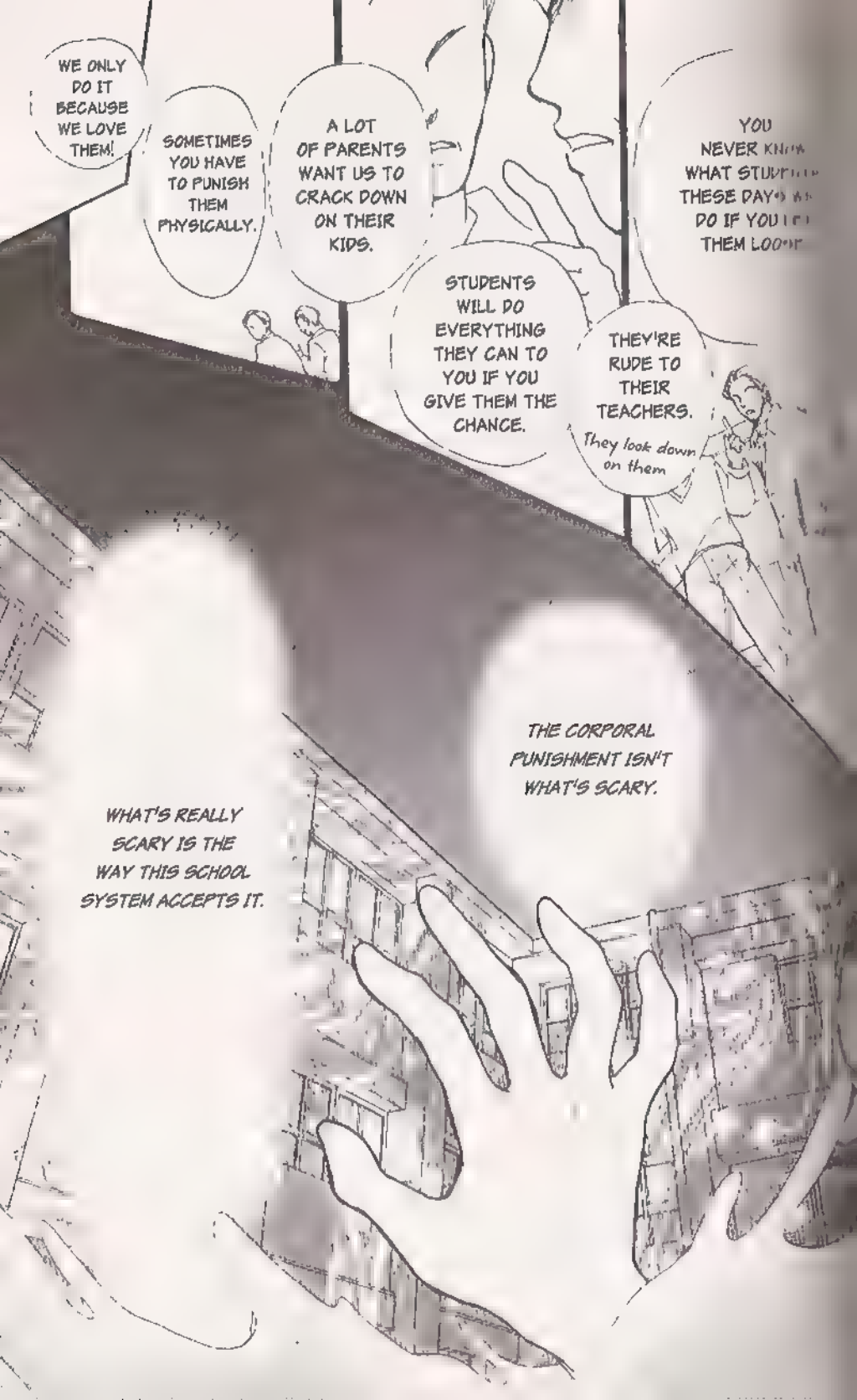
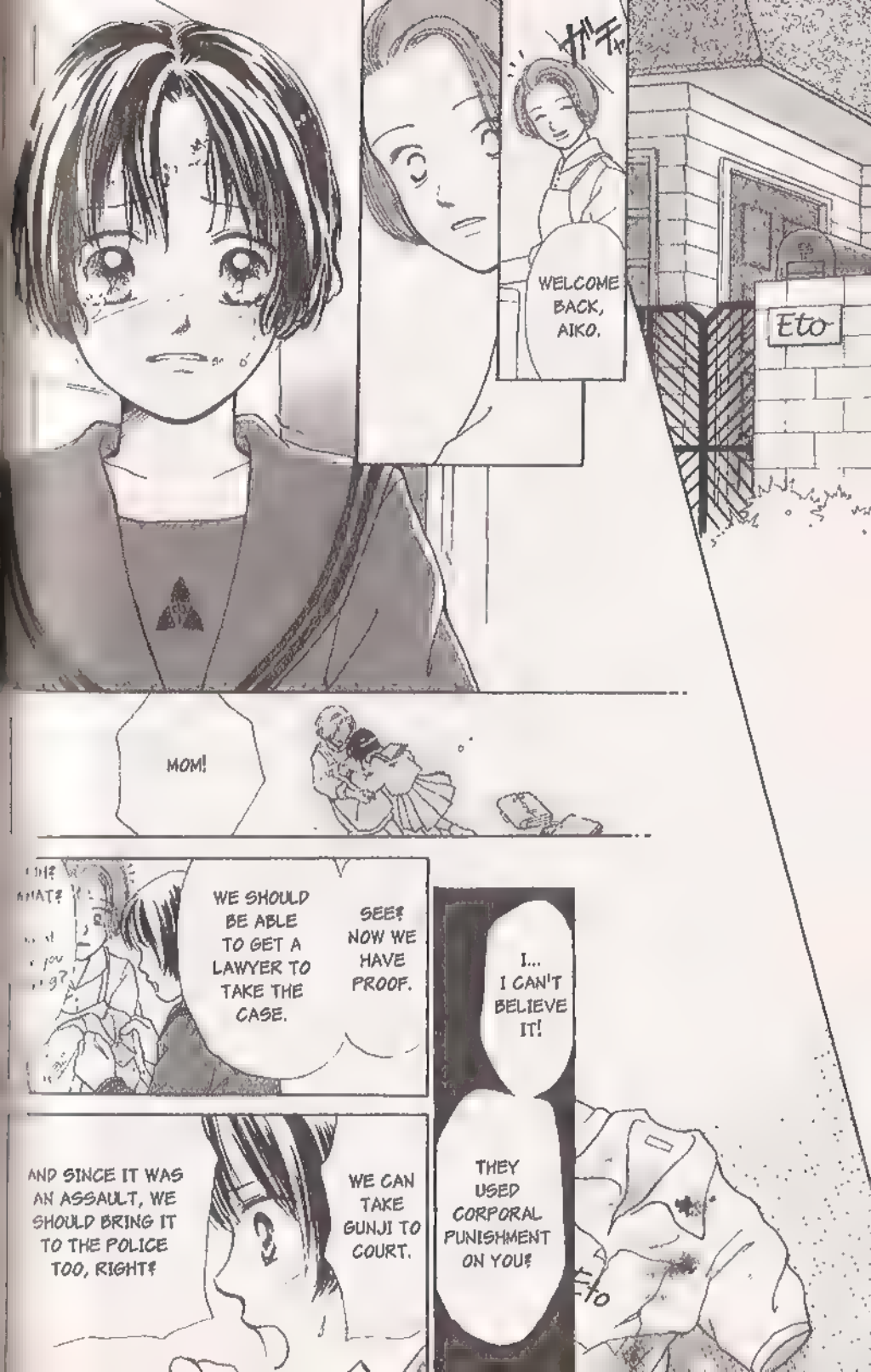
HELP ME!
STOP!
...IT'S NO USE.
THEY'RE ALL TOO USED TO SEEING THIS KIND OF THING.
AUGH...

AND LISTEN, I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO WRITES YOUR SCHOOL RECORDS. GOT THAT?
She should've just shut up and behaved
BUT I COULD FEEL...
A STRANGE SENSE OF SOLIDARITY FORMING BETWEEN EVERYONE.
WERE MORE TENSE THAN EVER BEFORE.
I GET IT NOW! GUNJI LIKES SEEING ME TRY TO FIGHT BACK.
HE'S HAPPY TO HAVE ANOTHER PLAYTHING NOW THAT MIHO'S GONE.
LOOK, KID, I DON'T GO THIS FAR BECAUSE I WANT TO.
BUT THERE ARE KIDS LIKE YOU WHO WON'T UNDERSTAND SOMETHING UNLESS IT'S BEATEN INTO THEM.


WE ONLY DO IT BECAUSE WE LOVE THEM!
SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO PUNISH THEM PHYSICALLY.
A LOT OF PARENTS WANT US TO CRACK DOWN ON THEIR KIDS.
YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT STUDENTS THESE DAYS WILL DO IF YOU LET THEM LOOSE
STUDENTS WILL DO EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO YOU IF YOU GIVE THEM THE CHANCE.
THEY'RE RUDE TO THEIR TEACHERS.
They look down on them
THE CORPORAL PUNISHMENT ISN'T WHAT'S SCARY.
WHAT'S REALLY SCARY IS THE WAY THIS SCHOOL SYSTEM ACCEPTS IT.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WELCOME BACK, AIKO.
Eto
MOM!
WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET A LAWYER TO TAKE THE CASE.
SEE? NOW WE HAVE PROOF.
I... I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
THEY USED CORPORAL PUNISHMENT ON YOU?
AND SINCE IT WAS AN ASSAULT, WE SHOULD BRING IT TO THE POLICE TOO, RIGHT?
WE CAN TAKE GUNJI TO COURT.
Eto

ARE YOU SAYING NO ONE WILL LISTEN TO A STUDENT!
BUT IF YOU SUE, YOU'LL BE GOING UP AGAINST A TEACHER.
IT'S JUST THIS HAPPENING AT SCHOOL. SHOULD IT BE DEALT WITH THERE!
THE SCHOOL WON'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT, NO MATTER WHAT I SAY!
AND THEY CALL IT EDUCATION...
WHY DOES IT MATTER IF HE'S A TEACHER AND I'M A STUDENT HE ASSAULTED!
WHAT?!
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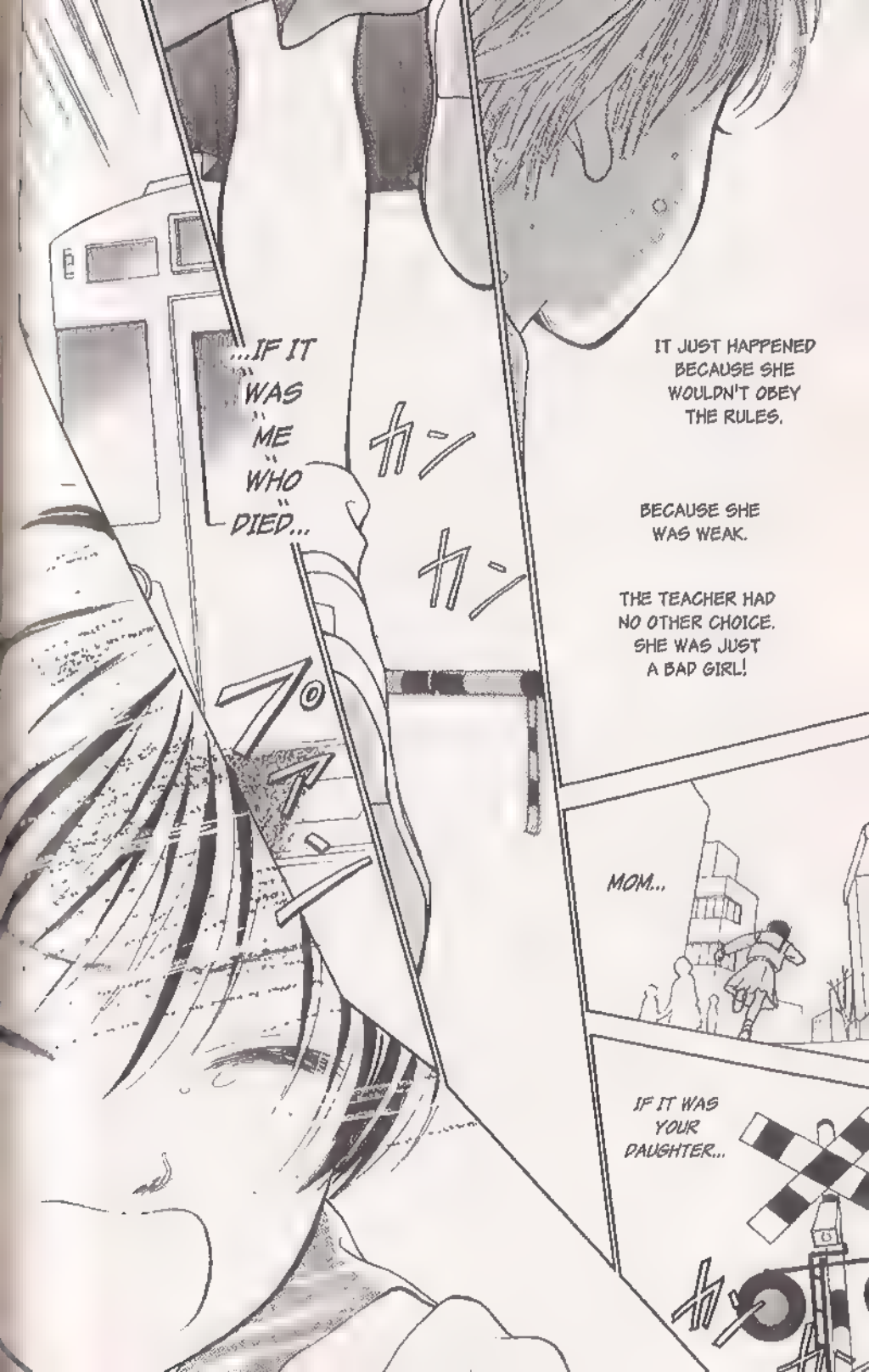
M...MOM...?

I KNOW...
THAT TEACHER IS JUST DEDICATED TO HIS WORK. HE HIT YOU BECAUSE HE CARES ABOUT YOU.
MOM...DO YOU SERIOUSLY THINK THAT?!
I KNOW HOW YOU FEEL, HONEY. I'M NOT COMPLETELY OKAY WITH IT EITHER.
BUT JUST. JUST TRY TO STICK IT OUT THIS TIME, ALL RIGHT?
I can do that, uh!? Right?
YOU SHOULD JUST STICK IT OUT UNTIL YOU FINISH YOUR ENTRANCE EXAMS FOR HIGH SCHOOL
ALL RIGHT? YOU DON'T WANT SOMETHING LIKE THIS TO GO ON YOUR RECORD, DO YOU?
...IS BECAUSE MIHO-CHAN NEVER FOLLOWED THE SCHOOL RULES IN THE FIRST PLACE!
AND ALL THE TROUBLE YOU'VE BEEN GETTING IN.
I KNOW THAT YOU GOT EXCITED WHEN MIHO-CHAN'S WAS AROUND.
I GET IT NOW...
MY PARENT'S ARE THE ONES WHO ARE AFRAID OFF WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I GET ON THE TEACHER'S BAD SIDE BEFORE THE EXAM.

WHAT?
THE TEACHER HAD NO OTHER CHOICE. SHE WAS JUST A BAD GIRL!
THAT GIRL COMMITTED SUICIDE BECAUSE SHE WAS WEAK.
MOM...
AIKO?


...IF IT WAS "ME" "WHO" DIED...
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IT JUST HAPPENED BECAUSE SHE WOULDN'T OBEY THE RULES.
BECAUSE SHE WAS WEAK.
THE TEACHER HAD NO OTHER CHOICE. SHE WAS JUST A BAD GIRL!
MOM...
IF IT WAS YOUR DAUGHTER...
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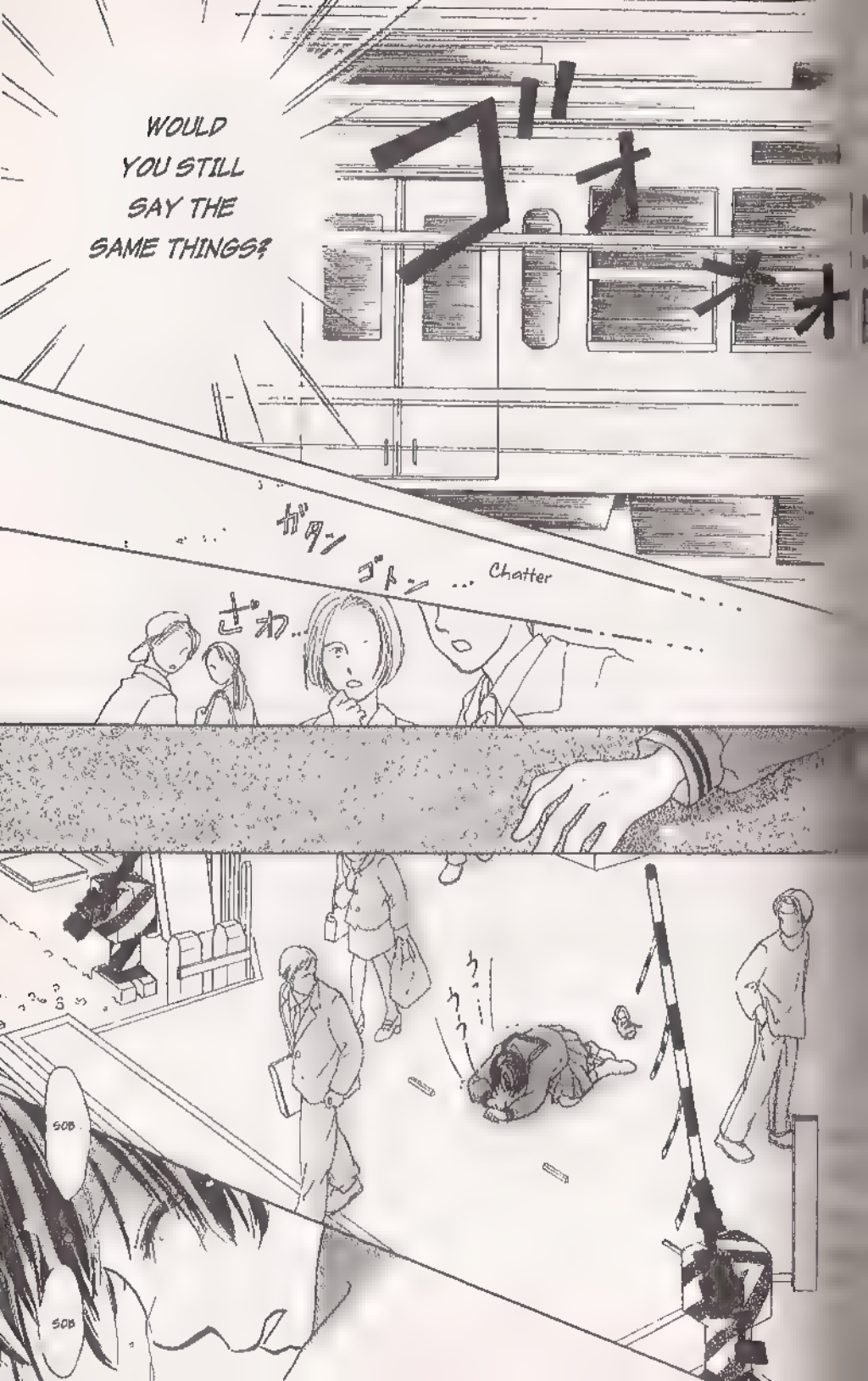
WOULD YOU STILL SAY THE SAME THINGS?
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BUT IF IT WASN'T MIHO WHO HAD DIED.. IF IT HADN'T BEEN MY OWN BEST FRIEND...

...HONESTLY, I PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE HAD ANY PROBLEM WITH IT.

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...TO IVE MIHO BACK.

I WANT TO TELL GUNJI...

BUT NO MATTER HOW MUCH I CRY, IT WON'T BRING HER BACK.

I DON'T WANT REVENGE ON THE SCHOOL.

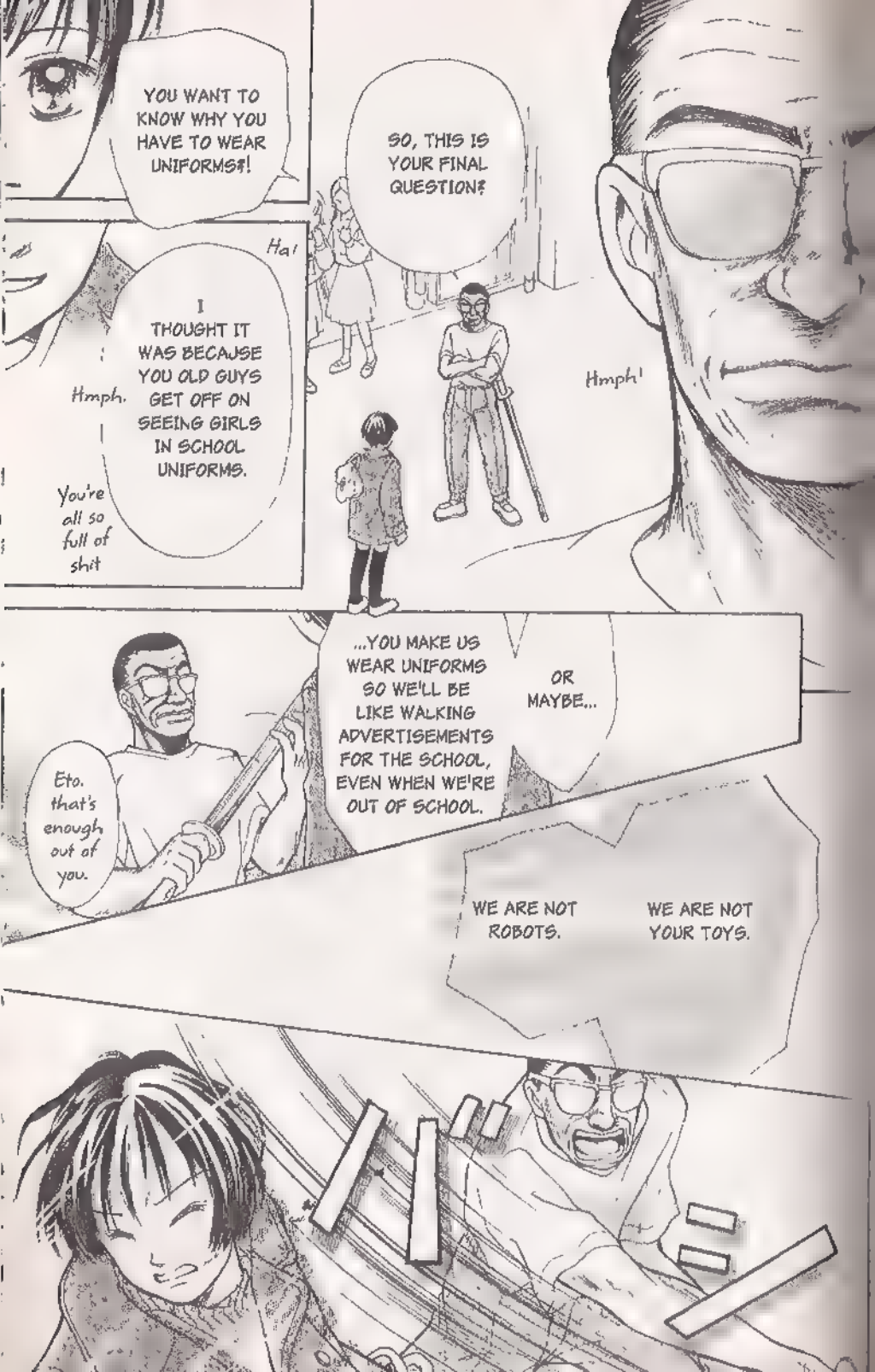
I WANT THEM TO STOP THINKING OF MIHO S DEATH THE WAY THEY THINK ABOUT IT NOW.

I WANT THEM TO SEE WHAT A DISGRACE IT IS FOR THE SCHOOL...DRIVING ONE OF ITS STUDENTS TO SUICIDE.

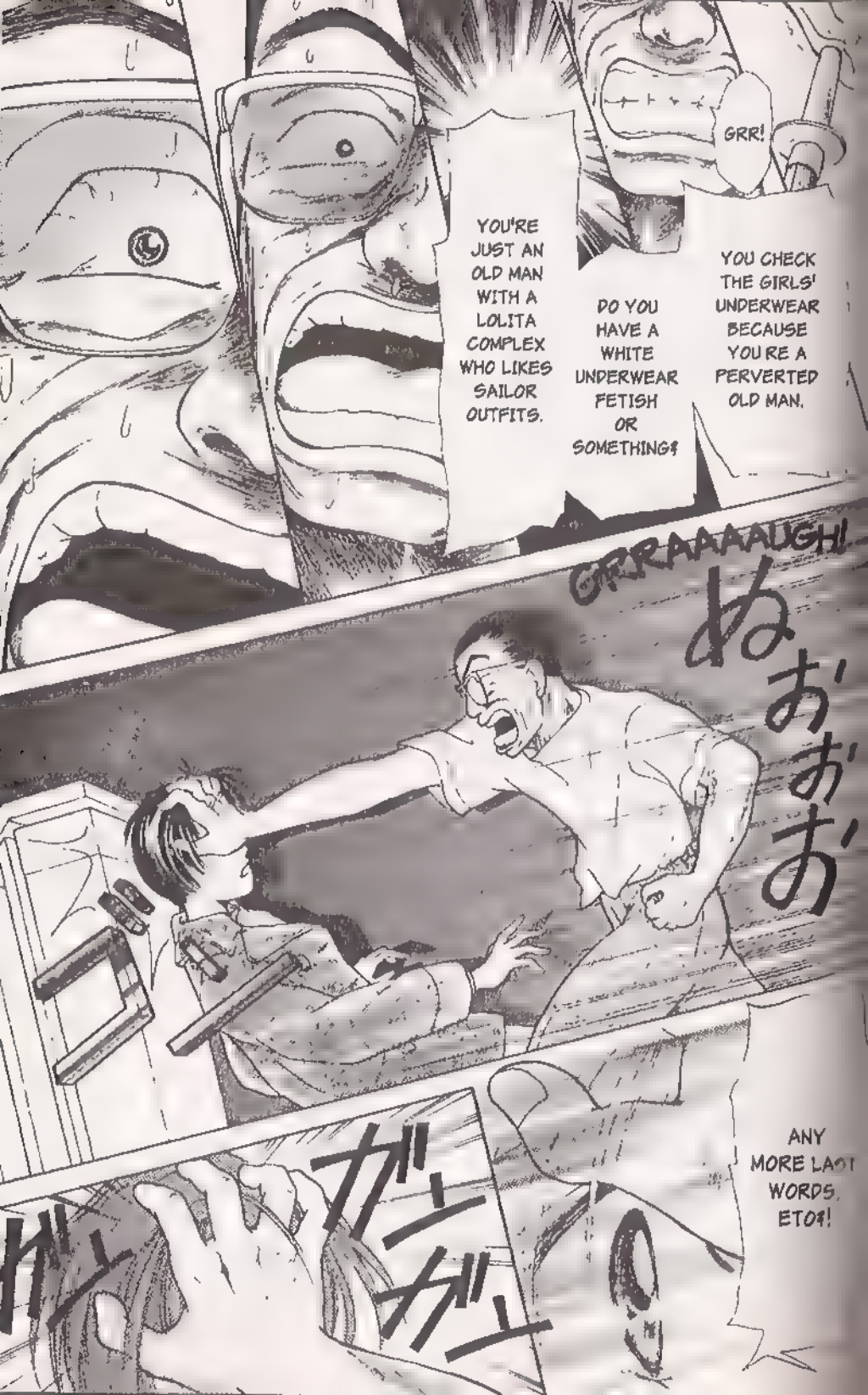
I JUST...

THAT WILL BE MY MEMO-RIAL TO HER.
I WANT TO EXPOSE THE TRUTH ABOUT WHAT'S REALLY HAPPENING... WHAT PUSHED MIHO TO COMMIT SUICIDE.
I WANT TO MAKE SURE SOMETHING LIKE THAT NEVER HAPPENS AGAIN.
BUT I KNOW WHAT I HAVE TO DO NOW.
I COULDN'T DO IT WHEN MIHO WAS STILL ALIVE.
Good morning

...I HAVE TO BE A PERSON... WITH MY OWN WILL.
..BEFORE I AM A STUDENT...
Is she SERIOUS?
Eto?
IN THIS CONCRETE CAGE..


YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY YOU HAVE TO WEAR UNIFORMS?!
SO, THIS IS YOUR FINAL QUESTION?
Ha!
I THOUGHT IT WAS BECAUSE YOU OLD GUYS GET OFF ON SEEING GIRLS IN SCHOOL UNIFORMS.
Hmph.
You're all so full of shit
Hmph!
...YOU MAKE US WEAR UNIFORMS SO WE'LL BE LIKE WALKING ADVERTISEMENTS FOR THE SCHOOL, EVEN WHEN WE'RE OUT OF SCHOOL.
OR MAYBE...
Eto. that's enough out of you.
WE ARE NOT ROBOTS.
WE ARE NOT YOUR TOYS.

YOU...
Huff, huff, huff
Heh
USING VIOLENCE TO TRY TO MAKE A STUDENT OBEY...
WHAAAAT!
...IS ONLY A LAST RESORT FOR PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THEMSELVES AS TEACHERS.
ALTHOUGH, REALLY, THERE'S NOTHING IN THIS WORLD HARDER...
...THAN CALLING YOU A TEACHER
....ARE NO TEACHER AT ALL.
YOU'RE JUST A THUG IN A TEACHER'S MASK!


GRR!
YOU'RE JUST AN OLD MAN WITH A LOLITA COMPLEX WHO LIKES SAILOR OUTFITS.
DO YOU HAVE A WHITE UNDERWEAR FETISH OR SOMETHING?
YOU CHECK THE GIRLS' UNDERWEAR BECAUSE YOU'RE A PERVERTED OLD MAN.
GRRAAAAUGH!
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ANY MORE LAST WORDS, ETO?!

MR GUNJI!
HEY-- IS HE SERIOUS?
I'VE...
GIVEN UP ON WAITING FOR THE TEACHERS AND PARENTS TO COME TO THEIR SENSES.
SHE'LL DIE--!
THAT'S ALL RIGHT...
.....

...WE STUDENTS HAVE BEEN CORRUPTED. WE HAVE GONE BAD.
...IF A STUDENT COMMITTIN
SUICIDE DOESN'T WAKE THEM
...MAYBE MY GETTING KILLE
RIGHT IN FRONT OF EVERYONE W
FINALLY MAKE THEM UNDERSTAN
THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION ALWAYS TALKS ABOUT GIVIN STUDENTS "LEEWAY" AND "INDIVIDUALITY"...
...BUT SCHOOL NEVER CHANGES A B
A TRAGEDY OCCURS, EVERYONE FORG ABOUT IT AND THE SAME THING HAPPE ALL OVER AGAIN.
ALL BECAUSE...

Waaaaah!
No-o-o-o!
Wha
Wha.
Call the police!
Murderer!
PLEASE...
...EVERYONE
...PLEASE.
TAKE BACK
YOUR RIGHTS.

IF YOU DON'T LIKE SOMETHING, SAY

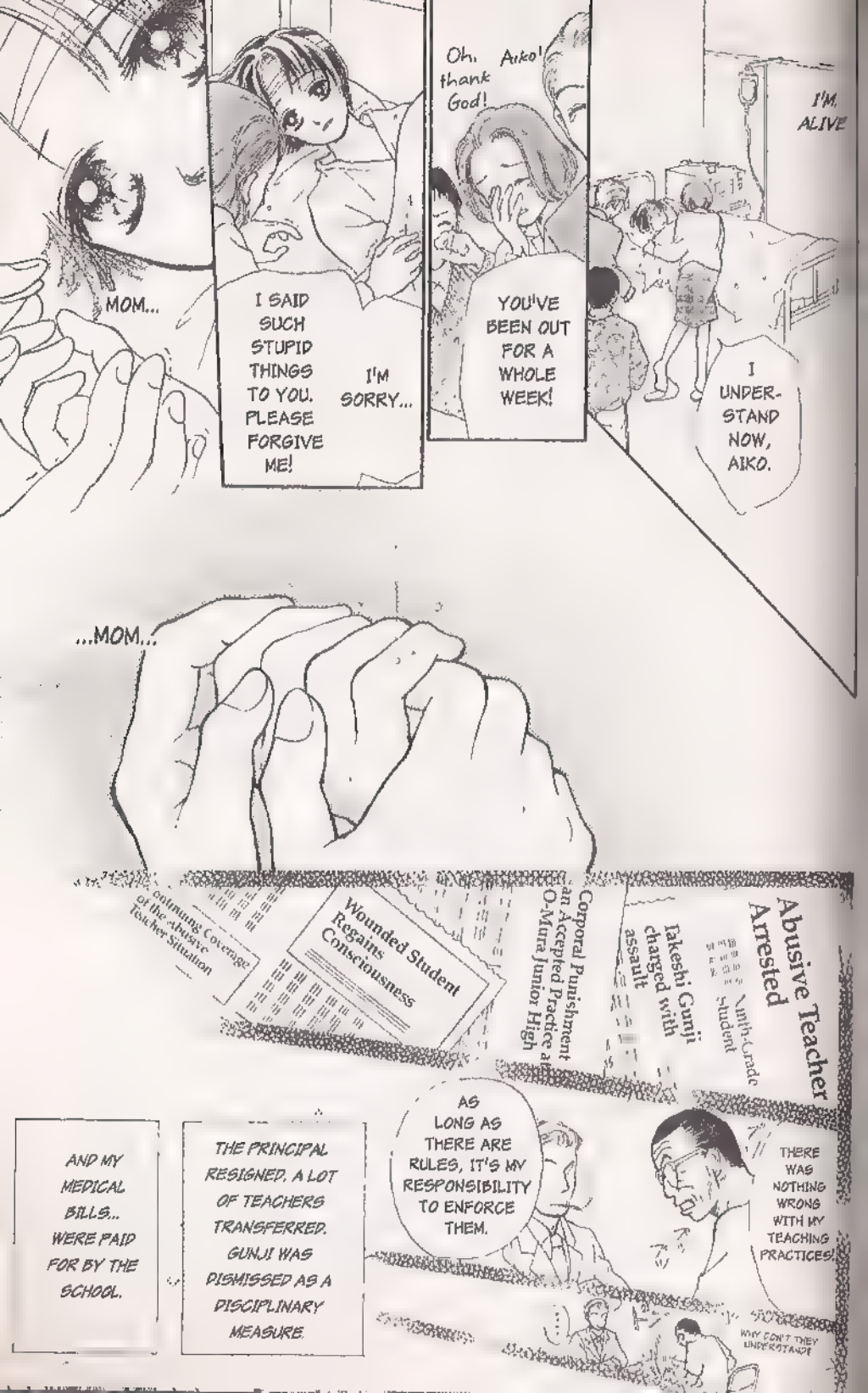
VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS!
RESPECT EACH OTHER'S HUMAN RIGHTS.

THE MEANING OF THE PHRASE ISN'T HARD TO UNDERSTAND.

I MEAN, HAVING CONSIDERATION FOR OTHER PEOPLE,
BEING KIND TO THEM. IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT, RIGHT?

AND IT'S A LOT MORE IMPORTANT TO LEARN THAN MATH, OR WHATEVER ELSE YOU STUDY.

I HAVE FAITH THAT MY DEATH WILL BE THE LAST INCIDENT OF PHYSICAL PUNISHMENT AT THIS SCHOOL.
A...
...AIKO?
HOSPITAL
AIKO!


MOM...
I SAID SUCH STUPID THINGS TO YOU. PLEASE FORGIVE ME!
I'M SORRY...
Oh, thank God! Aiko!
YOU'VE BEEN OUT FOR A WHOLE WEEK!
I'M ALIVE
I UNDERSTAND NOW, AIKO.
...MOM...
Abusive Teacher Arrested
Ninth-Grade Student
Takeshi Gunji charged with assault
Corporal Punishment an Accepted Practice at O-Mura Junior High
Wounded Student Regains Consciousness
Continuing Coverage of the Abusive Teacher Situation
AS LONG AS THERE ARE RULES, IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY TO ENFORCE THEM.
THERE WAS NOTHING WRONG WITH MY TEACHING PRACTICES!
WHY CAN'T THEY UNDERSTAND
THE PRINCIPAL RESIGNED. A LOT OF TEACHERS TRANSFERRED. GUNJI WAS DISMISSED AS A DISCIPLINARY MEASURE.
AND MY MEDICAL BILLS... WERE PAID FOR BY THE SCHOOL.

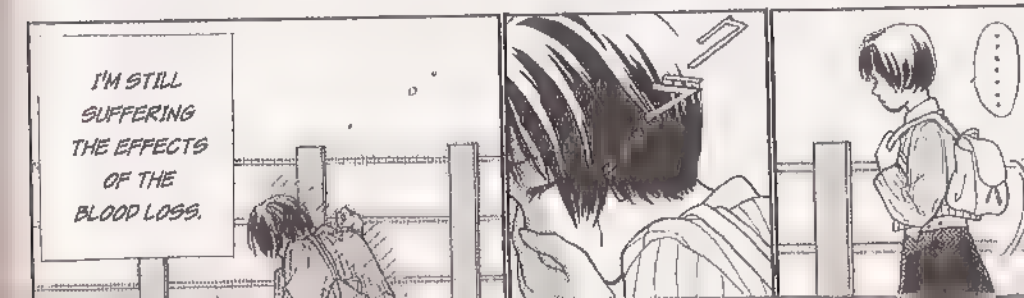
MIHO'S FAMILY'S TRIAL IS STILL GOING ON.
-- Spring --
...HOW MIHO'S LIFE SHOULD'VE BEEN.
THERE'S NOT A DAY THAT GOES BY THAT I DON'T THINK ABOUT....

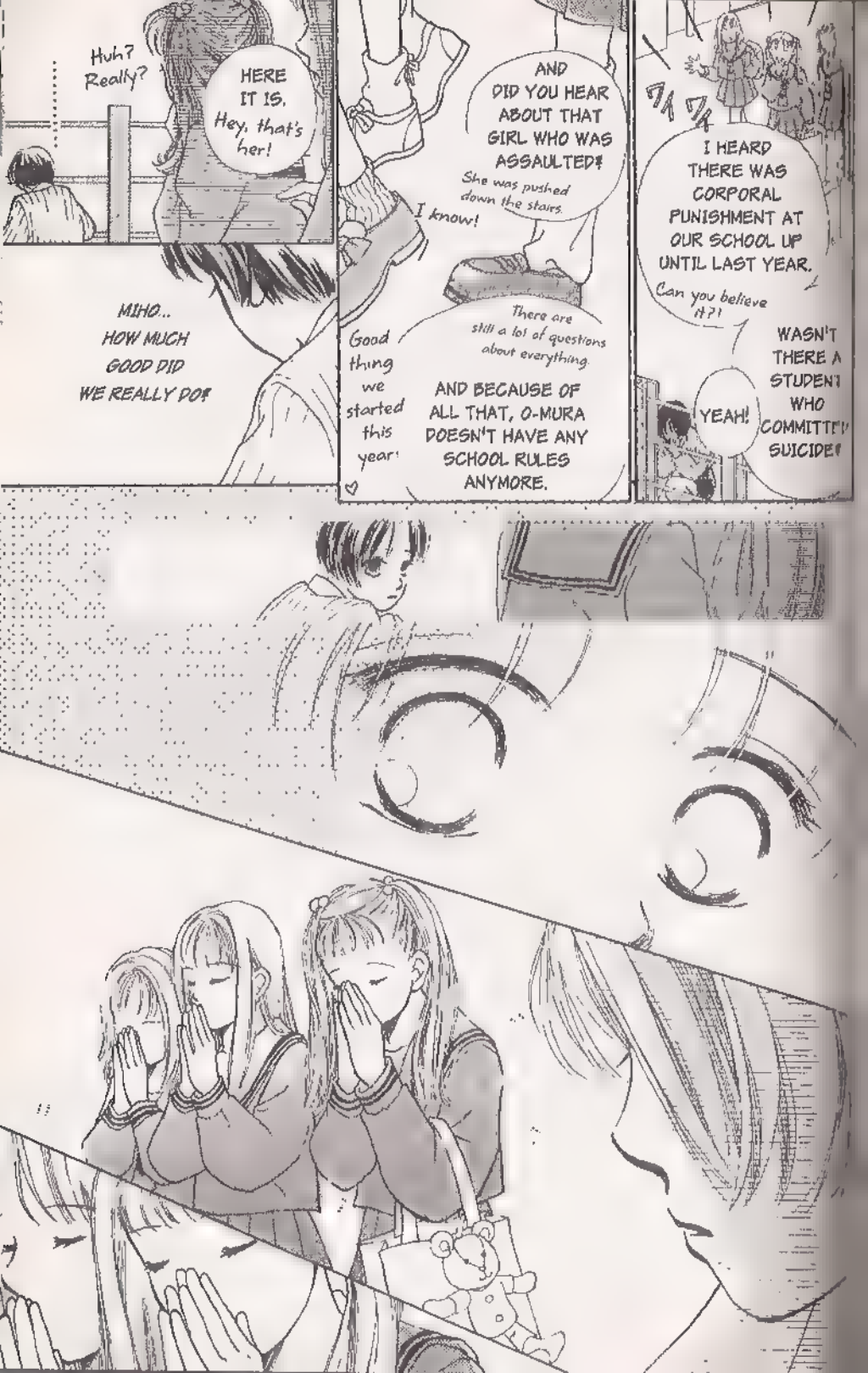
IF SHE WERE STILL ALIVE...

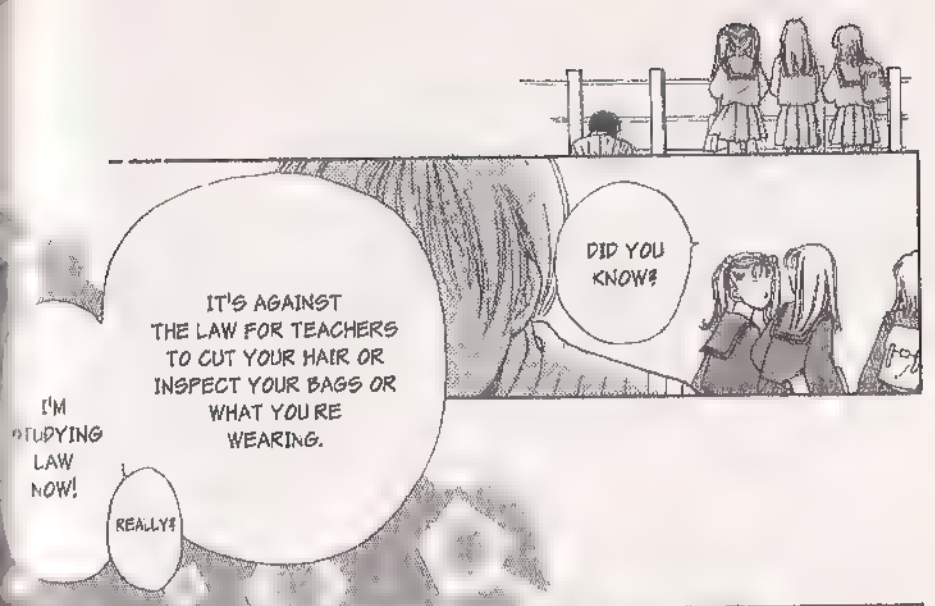
....WE MIGHT BE LAUGHING TOGETHER AT SOMETHING SILLY.

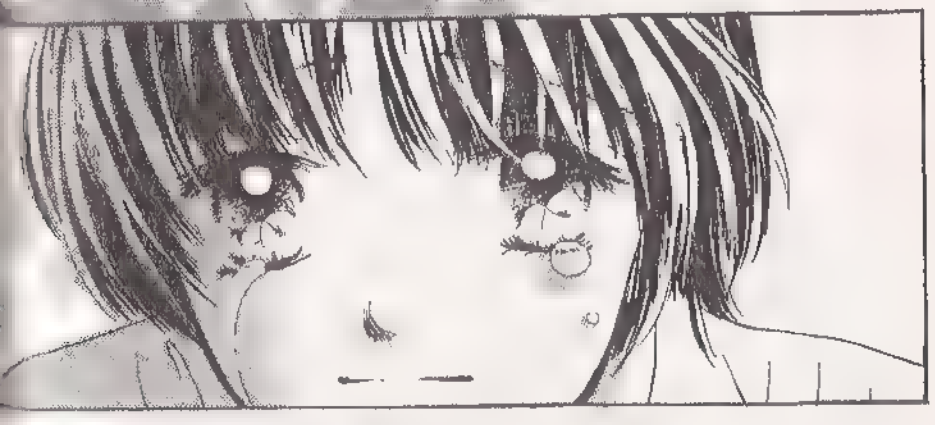
SHE SAID SHE WANTED TO FIND WORK, TOO.

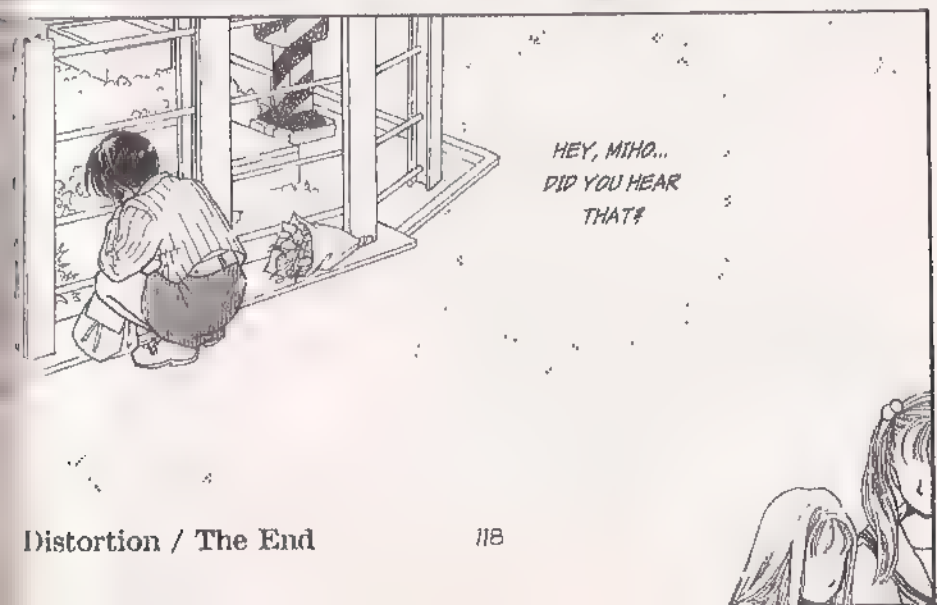
SHE PROBABLY WOULD'VE HAD A BOYFRIEND BY NOW.




Huh? Really?
HERE IT IS.
Hey, that's her!
MIHO.. HOW MUCH GOOD DID WE REALLY DO?
I know!
AND DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THAT GIRL WHO WAS ASSAULTED?
She was pushed down the stairs.
There are still a lot of questions about everything.
Good thing we started this year!
AND BECAUSE OF ALL THAT, O-MURA DOESN'T HAVE ANY SCHOOL RULES ANYMORE.
I HEARD THERE WAS CORPORAL PUNISHMENT AT OUR SCHOOL UP UNTIL LAST YEAR.
Can you believe it?!
YEAH!
WASN'T THERE A STUDENT WHO COMMITTED SUICIDE?


DID YOU KNOW?
IT'S AGAINST THE LAW FOR TEACHERS TO CUT YOUR HAIR OR INSPECT YOUR BAGS OR WHAT YOU'RE WEARING.
I'M STUDYING LAW NOW!
REALLY?




HEY, MIHO... DID YOU HEAR THAT?

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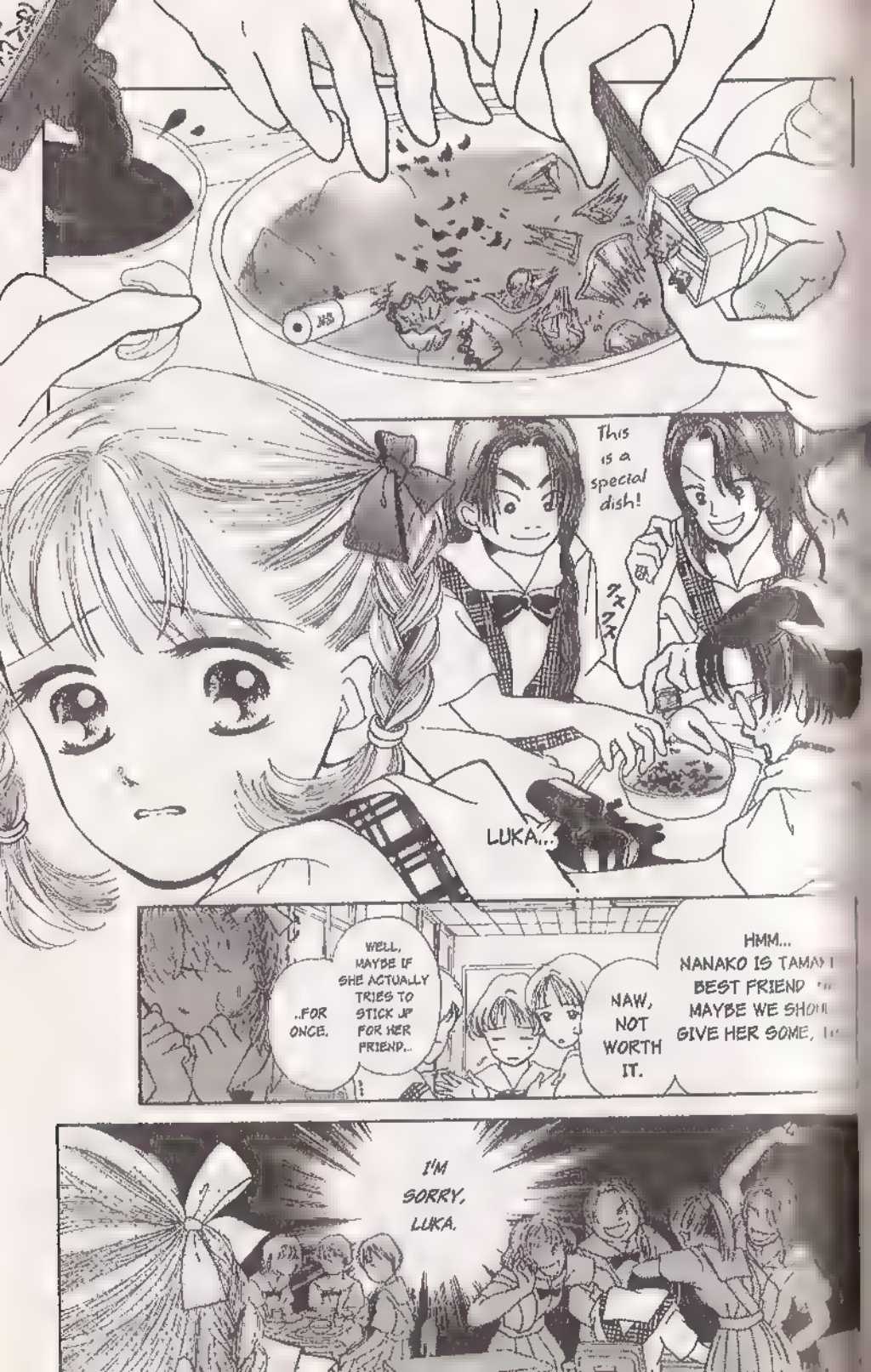
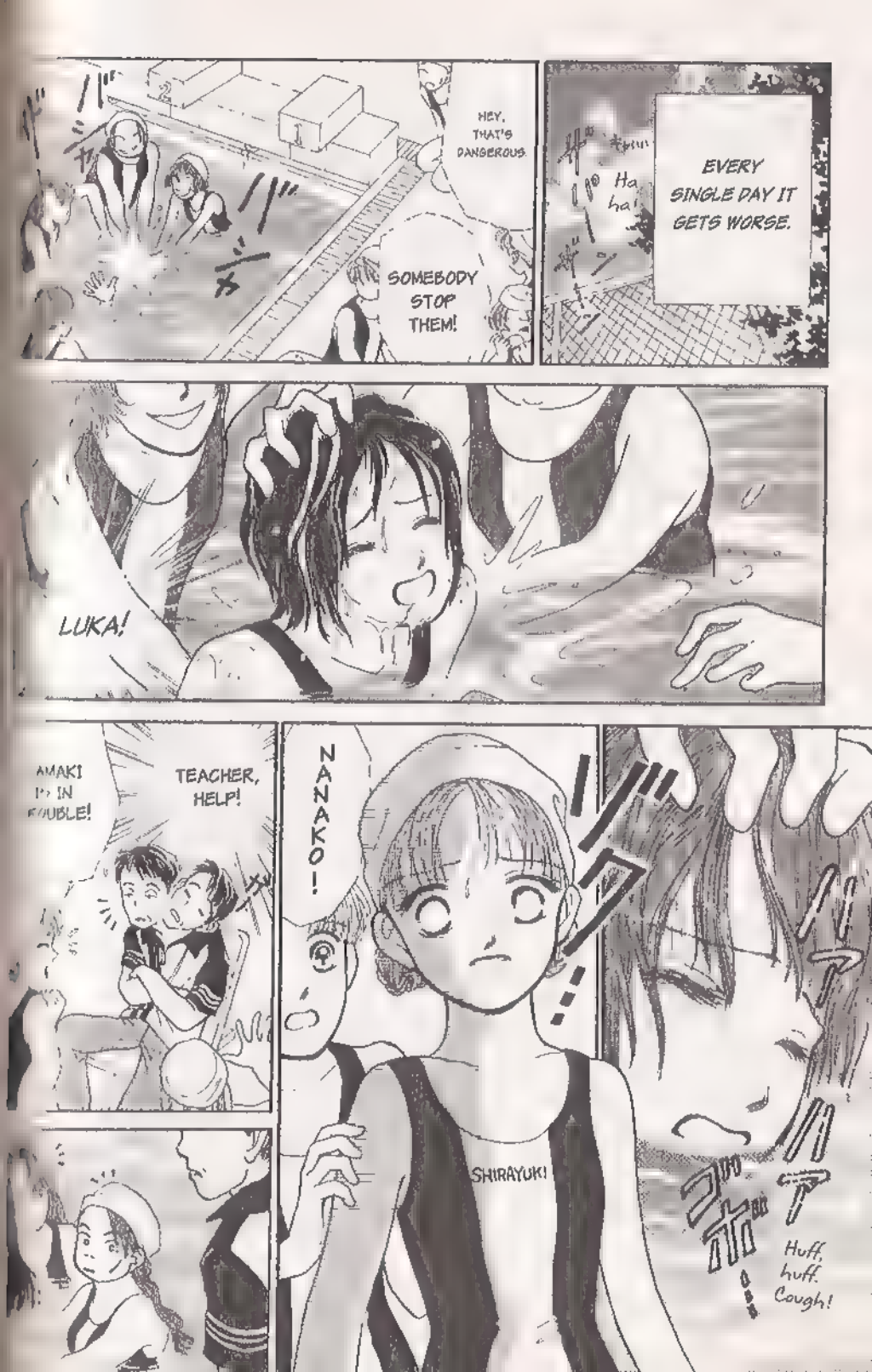
Tomorrow
2-B

"I FEEL LIKE THE WALLS AND CEILINGS OF THE CLASSROOM ARE CLOSING IN ON ME.
I FEEL LIKE MY GUTS ARE GOING TO EXPLODE.
I WONDER IF I'LL DIE TONIGHT...
WELL, EVEN IF I DID, NOTHING WOULD CHANGE."
THAT'S WHAT LUKA TAMAKI ONCE TOLD ME.
Shinyuki All-Girls' Academy Junior High
2-B
"AND THEY ALWAYS SKIP ME WHEN THEY PASS BACK THE HAND-OUTS."
Die UGLY
"EVERY DAY, I GET PICKED ON AS ALWAYS."
"THEY'RE ALWAYS DESTROYING MY WORK JUST AS I'M ABOUT TO FINISH IT."


This is a special dish!
クスクス
LUKA...
HMM... NANAKO IS TAMAKI'S BEST FRIEND ... MAYBE WE SHOULD GIVE HER SOME, TOO.
NAW, NOT WORTH IT.
WELL, MAYBE IF SHE ACTUALLY TRIES TO STICK UP FOR HER FRIEND...
..FOR ONCE.
I'M SORRY, LUKA.


HEY, THAT'S DANGEROUS.
SOMEBODY STOP THEM!
Ha ha!
EVERY SINGLE DAY IT GETS WORSE.
LUKA!
AMAKI I> IN ROUBLE!
TEACHER, HELP!
NANAKO!
SHIRAYUKI
Huff, huff. Cough!

SHIRAYUKI
WHAT HAPPENED? YOU'RE HURT!
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UGH...
Cough, cough!
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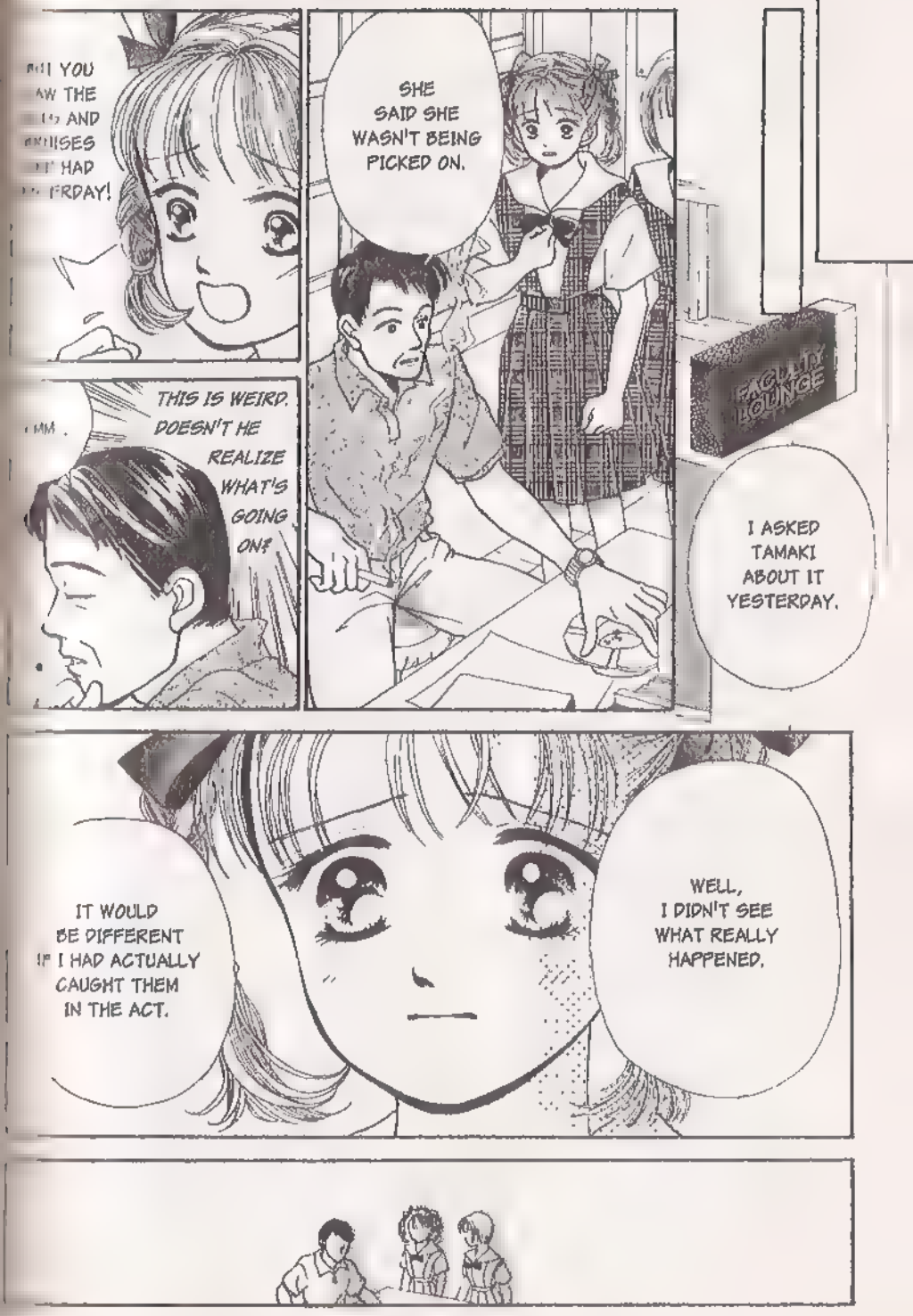
OH...
...UM, I JUST ALWAYS RUN INTO THINGS WHEN I'M NOT WEARING MY GLASSES. THAT'S ALL.
NO! THAT WASN'T WHAT HAPPENED AT ALL!
OH
OKAY, THEN...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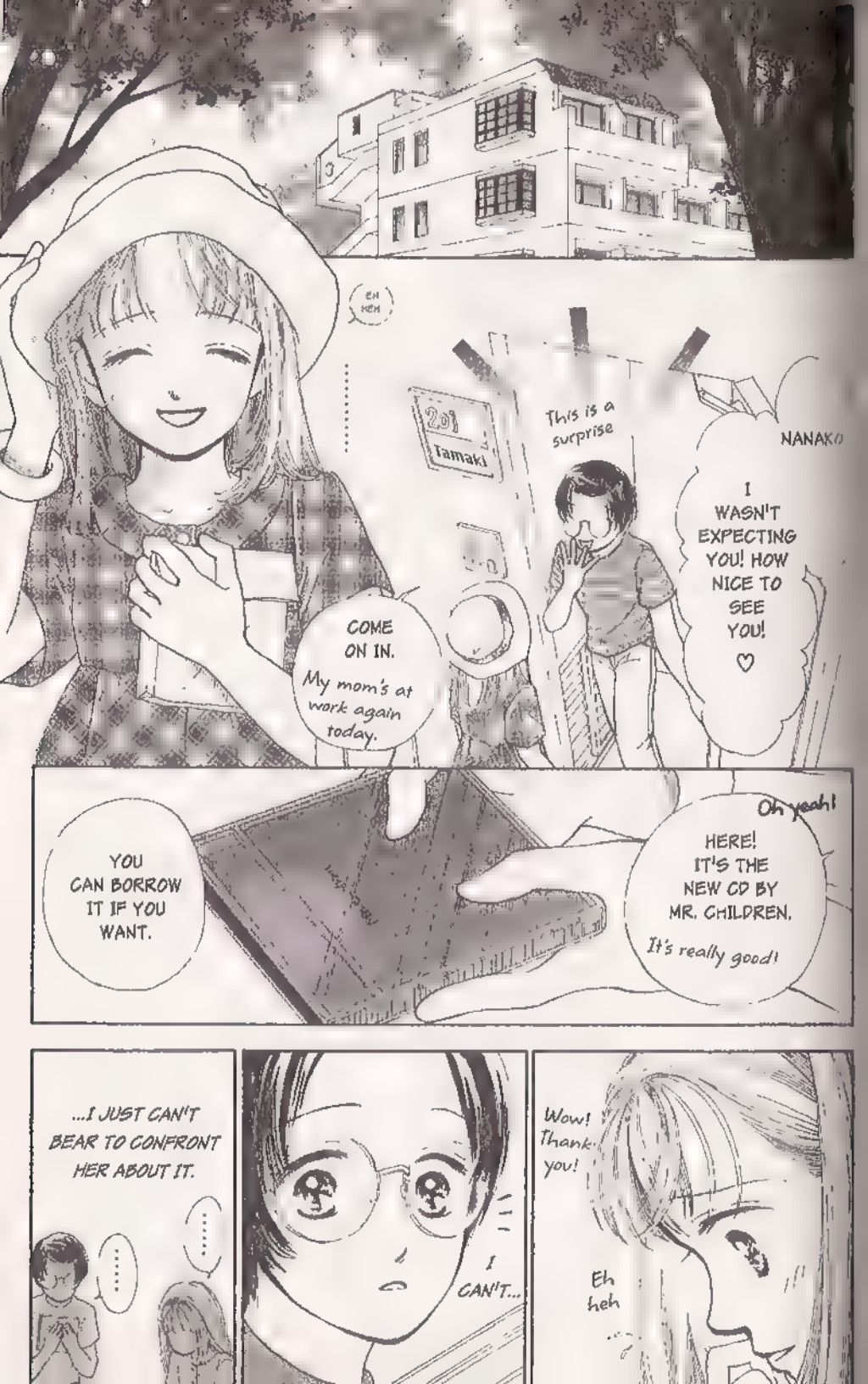
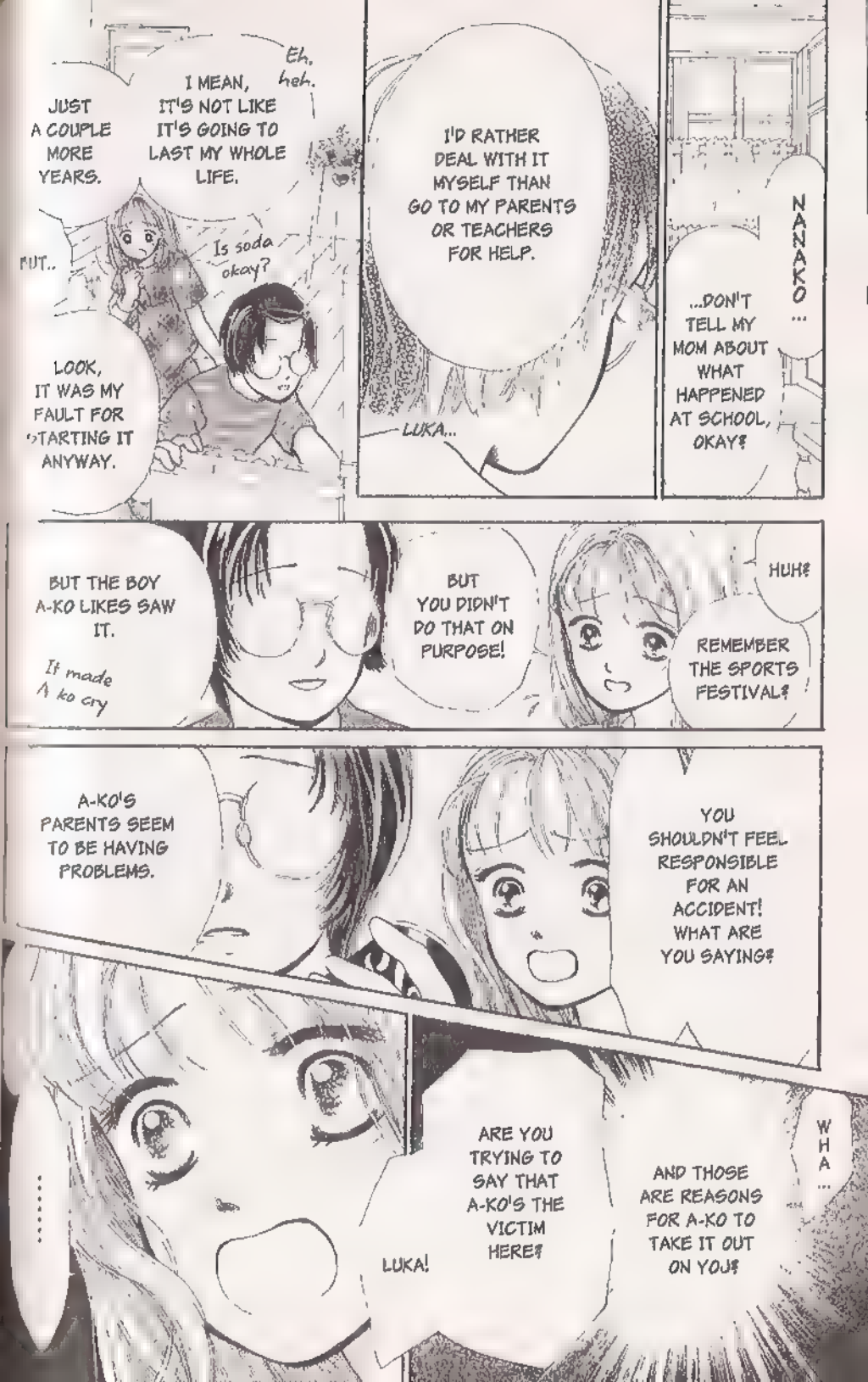
SHE SAID SHE WASN'T BEING PICKED ON.
FACULTY LOUNGE
I ASKED TAMAKI ABOUT IT YESTERDAY.
HMM.
THIS IS WEIRD. DOESN'T HE REALIZE WHAT'S GOING ON?
WELL, I DIDN'T SEE WHAT REALLY HAPPENED.
IT WOULD BE DIFFERENT IF I HAD ACTUALLY CAUGHT THEM IN THE ACT.

...LUKA JUST HAS THIS AURA ABOUT HER THAT MAKES HER AN EASY TARGET.
...EVER SINCE THE CIGARETTE INCIDENT BEFORE SUMMER BREAK.
THE TEACHERS HAVE BEEN CAUTIOUS ABOUT THIS KIND OF THING
Then how did they get in your backpack?!
I've never even seen these before
EVEN THOUGH THERE WAS PROOF SHE WAS INNOCENT, NO ONE WOULD LISTEN TO IT.
LATER ON, IT WAS PROVEN TO BE SOMEONE'S IDEA OF A PRANK. BUT BY THAT TIME, THE GIRL HAD ALREADY TRANSFERRED. SHE REFUSED TO COME TO SCHOOL AFTER THE ACCUSATIONS.
THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO.
Ooh. Looks like it really hurts, too.
THE TEACHERS CAN STOP THE BULLYING SOMETIMES, BUT NOT ALL THE TIME. IT'S BOUND TO HAPPEN AGAIN TO SOMEONE ELSE
YEAH, BUT...
LUKA PROBABLY FEELS THE SAME WAY

Where did you find these anyway?
Hey, take 'em off!
...BUT THAT SHOULD HAVE STOPPED AFTER A WHILE. AND IT DIDN'T.
B組
SURE, THERE WERE A LOT OF GIRLS WHO MADE FUN OF LUKA'S GLASSES...
Ha ha!
LOOK at that girl's glasses!
AMAKI.
Don't laugh.
Ha! A-ko fell flat on her face!
AT THE SPORTS FESTIVAL IN MAY
AUGH!
ガシン
EVERYONE SAW!
YOU DID THAT ON PURPOSE, DIDN'T YOU!
YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH IT!
...A-KO AND THE OTHERS WENT INTO FULL BULLYING MODE.
AT THAT MOMENT...
YOU SERIOUSLY PISS ME OFF.

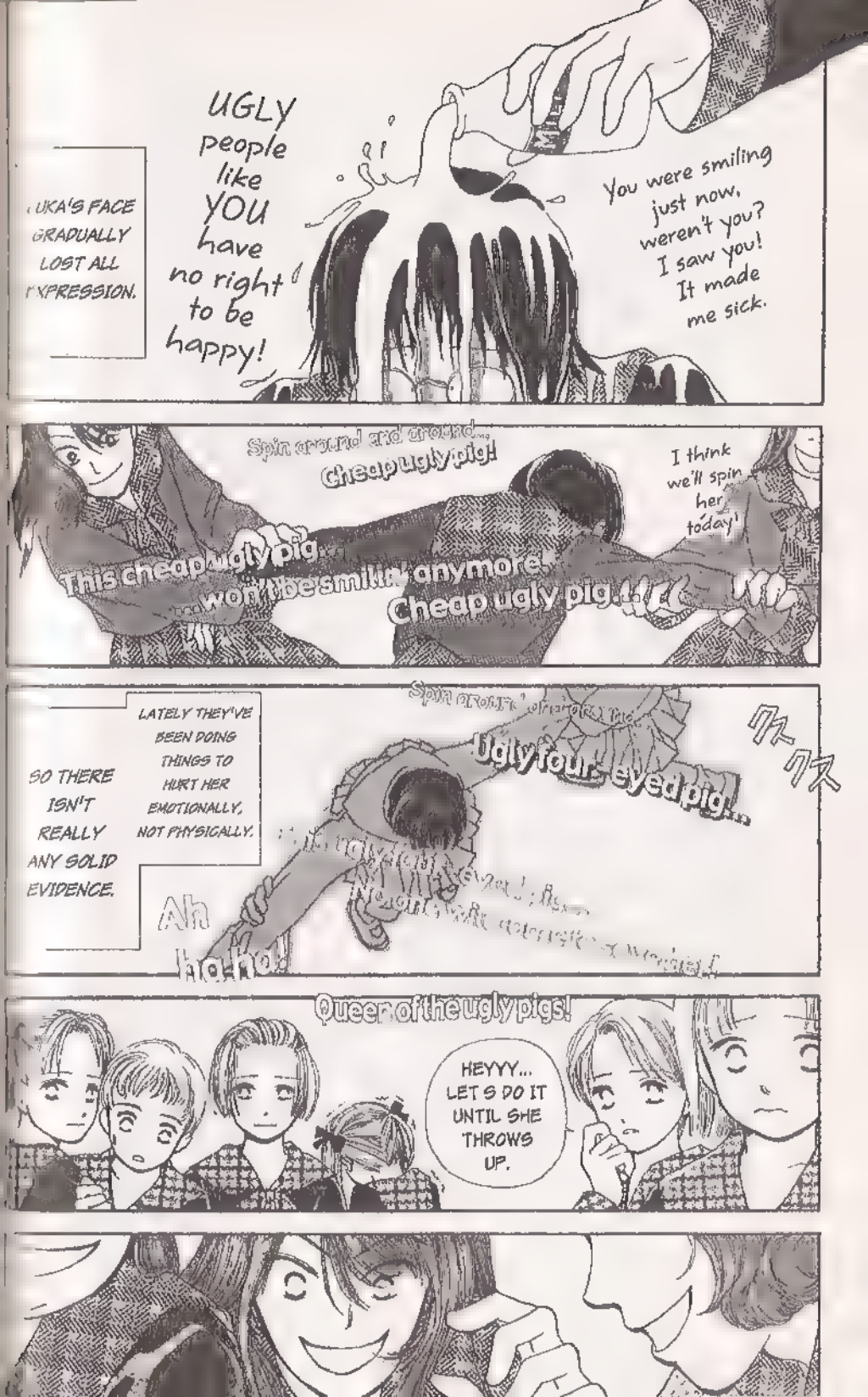

EH HEH
2d
Tamaki
This is a surprise
NANAKO
I WASN'T EXPECTING YOU! HOW NICE TO SEE YOU! ♡
COME ON IN.
My mom's at work again today.
YOU CAN BORROW IT IF YOU WANT.
Oh yeah!
HERE! IT'S THE NEW CD BY MR. CHILDREN.
It's really good!
...I JUST CAN'T BEAR TO CONFRONT HER ABOUT IT.
I CAN'T...
Wow! Thank you!
Eh heh


NANAKO...
...DON'T TELL MY MOM ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED AT SCHOOL, OKAY?
I'D RATHER DEAL WITH IT MYSELF THAN GO TO MY PARENTS OR TEACHERS FOR HELP.
LUKA...
Eh, heh.
I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S GOING TO LAST MY WHOLE LIFE.
JUST A COUPLE MORE YEARS.
BUT..
Is soda okay?
LOOK, IT WAS MY FAULT FOR STARTING IT ANYWAY.
HUH?
REMEMBER THE SPORTS FESTIVAL?
BUT YOU DIDN'T DO THAT ON PURPOSE!
BUT THE BOY A-KO LIKES SAW IT.
It made A-ko cry
WHA...
YOU SHOULDN'T FEEL RESPONSIBLE FOR AN ACCIDENT! WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
A-KO'S PARENTS SEEM TO BE HAVING PROBLEMS.
AND THOSE ARE REASONS FOR A-KO TO TAKE IT OUT ON YOU?
ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY THAT A-KO'S THE VICTIM HERE?
LUKA!
.....

WHY DID I COME HERE, ANYWAY?
IN MY OPINION...
THE TIME WE SPEND TOGETHER IS STARTING TO FEEL A LITTLE ABSURD.
I WANTED TO SAY, "IT'S YOU WHO'S THE VICTIM!"
.....
AND I'M SURE LUKA WANTED TO SAY, "WELL, YOU DON'T EVER COME AND HELP ME!"
.....
...NO ONE IN THIS WORLD IS BORN NATURALLY EVIL.
.....
Eh heh'
BUT THAT'S JUST WHAT I THINK

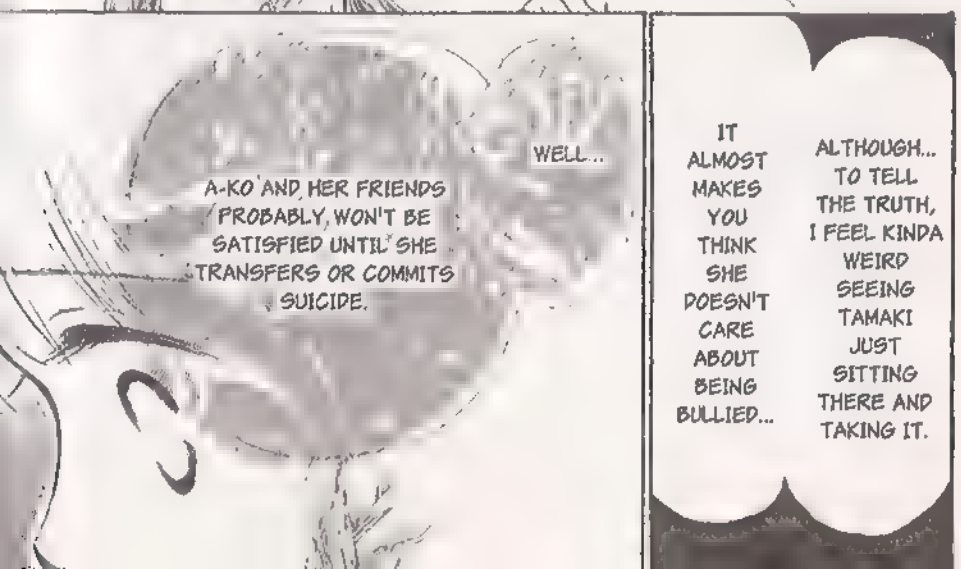
It makes me sick!
Why would you have something like THIS?
Augh!
GEH! MR. CHILDREN?
UGLY GIRLS LIKE YOU SHOULDN'T BE LISTENING TO STUFF LIKE THE SOUTHERN ALL-STARS, DREAMS COME TRUE, OR SHARAN Q.
WHOA!
WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE?
LUKA..
!!
MACHIDA!
YOU'RE GOING TO BE OUR LOOKOUT TODAY.
IF A TEACHER IS COMING,
YOU TELL US-- GOT IT?
YOU KNOW WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF YOU TRY ANYTHING FUNNY.
AND YOU'D BETTER NOT TELL US HE'S COMING IF HE ISN'T!

The Top 5 Most Annoying People in Class 2-B
1. Tamaki Luka
2. Machida Nanako
3. Sato Mika
4. Suzuki
I'D BETTER NOT DO OR SAY ANYTHING AGAINST A-KO AND THE OTHERS.
Show us the hairstyle!
Don't forget to grab the mike tight!
Ha ha ha! This is so funny!
I'M AFRAID THEY'LL MAKE ME THEIR NEXT TARGET.
Don't be shy... sing LOUDER!
Ah ha ha!
AND IF ANY OF THIS GETS OUT, THEY'LL PROBABLY PICK ON LUKA EVEN HARDER!
...I TRIED MY ABSOLUTE HARDEST TO MAKE SURE THEY WOULDN'T BE FOUND OUT.
AND SO...


YUKA'S FACE GRADUALLY LOST ALL EXPRESSION.
UGLY people like YOU have no right to be happy!
You were smiling just now, weren't you? I saw you! It made me sick.
Spin around and around... Cheap ugly pig!
I think we'll spin her today!
This cheap ugly pig won't be smilin' anymore. Cheap ugly pig...!!
SO THERE ISN'T REALLY ANY SOLID EVIDENCE.
LATELY THEY'VE BEEN DOING THINGS TO HURT HER EMOTIONALLY, NOT PHYSICALLY.
Ugly four-eyed pig...
クスクス
Ah ha-ha-ha!
Queen of the ugly pigs!
HEYYY... LET'S DO IT UNTIL SHE THROWS UP.

A-KO'S GROUP IS LIKE A BUNCH OF CATS PLAYING WITH A MOUSE.
AND EVERYONE ELSE JUST STANDS THERE AND WATCHES.

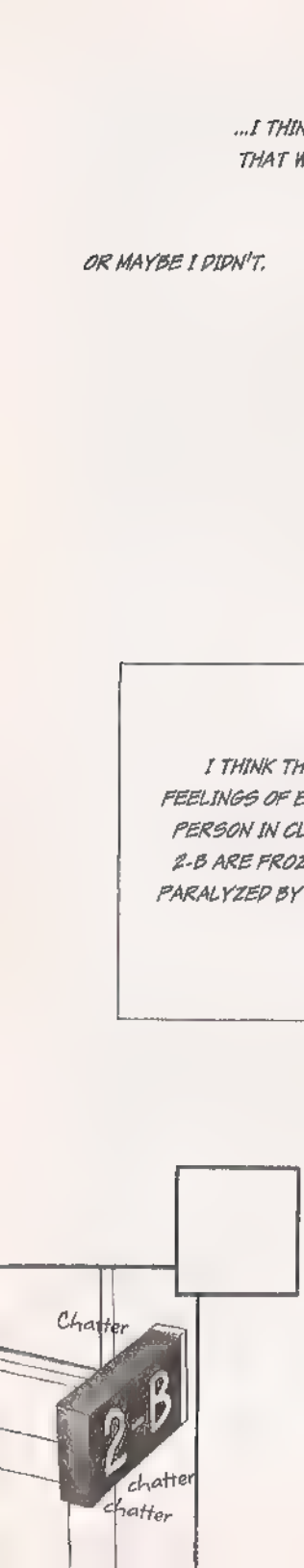
THAT'S WHY WE'RE HANGING OUT IN THE BATHROOM, HUH?
EVEN THE CLASSROOM HAS THIS WEIRD VIBE LATELY.
IT'S GETTING HARD TO CONCENTRATE IN CLASS.
TOILET
Chatter chatter
A-KO AND HER FRIENDS BULLY TAMAKI EVEN MORE WHEN EVERYONE IS LOOKING.
IT'S LIKE THEY'RE SAYING, "WE'RE STRONG!"
YEAH!
Yeah! It's like everyone's coming here!
Ha!
This is a safety zone!

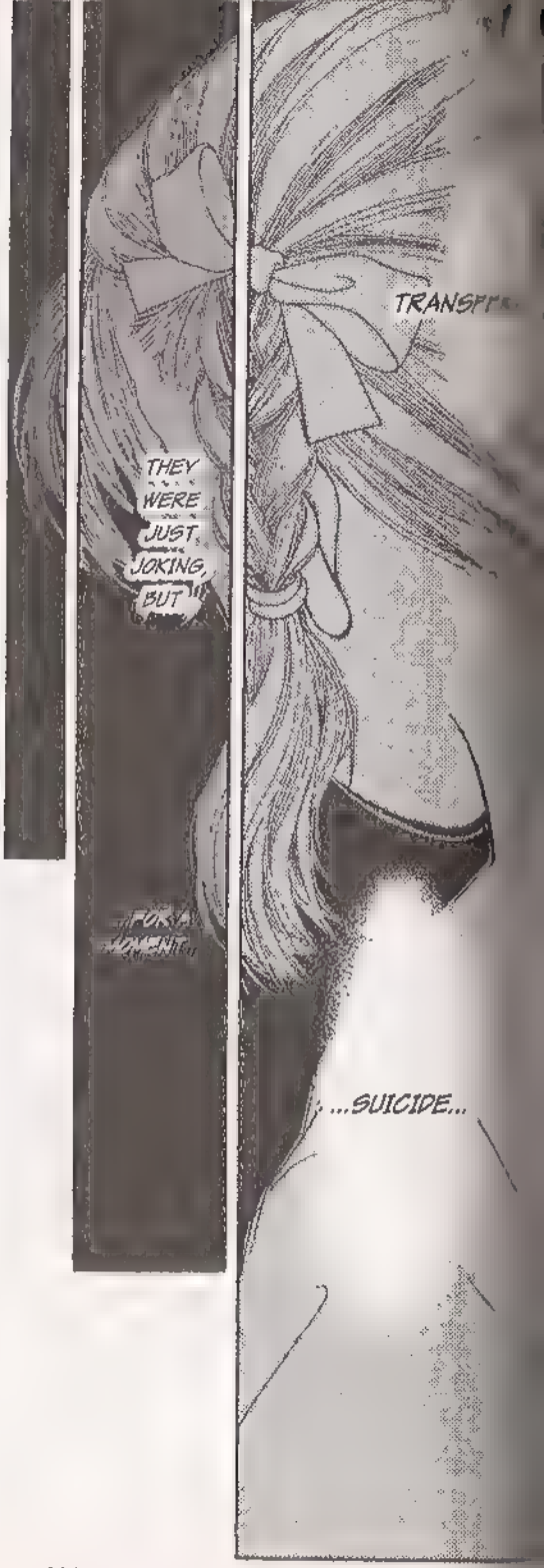

A-KO AND HER FRIENDS PROBABLY WON'T BE SATISFIED UNTIL SHE TRANSFERS OR COMMITS SUICIDE.
WELL...
IT ALMOST MAKES YOU THINK SHE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT BEING BULLIED...
ALTHOUGH... TO TELL THE TRUTH, I FEEL KINDA WEIRD SEEING TAMAKI JUST SITTING THERE AND TAKING IT.

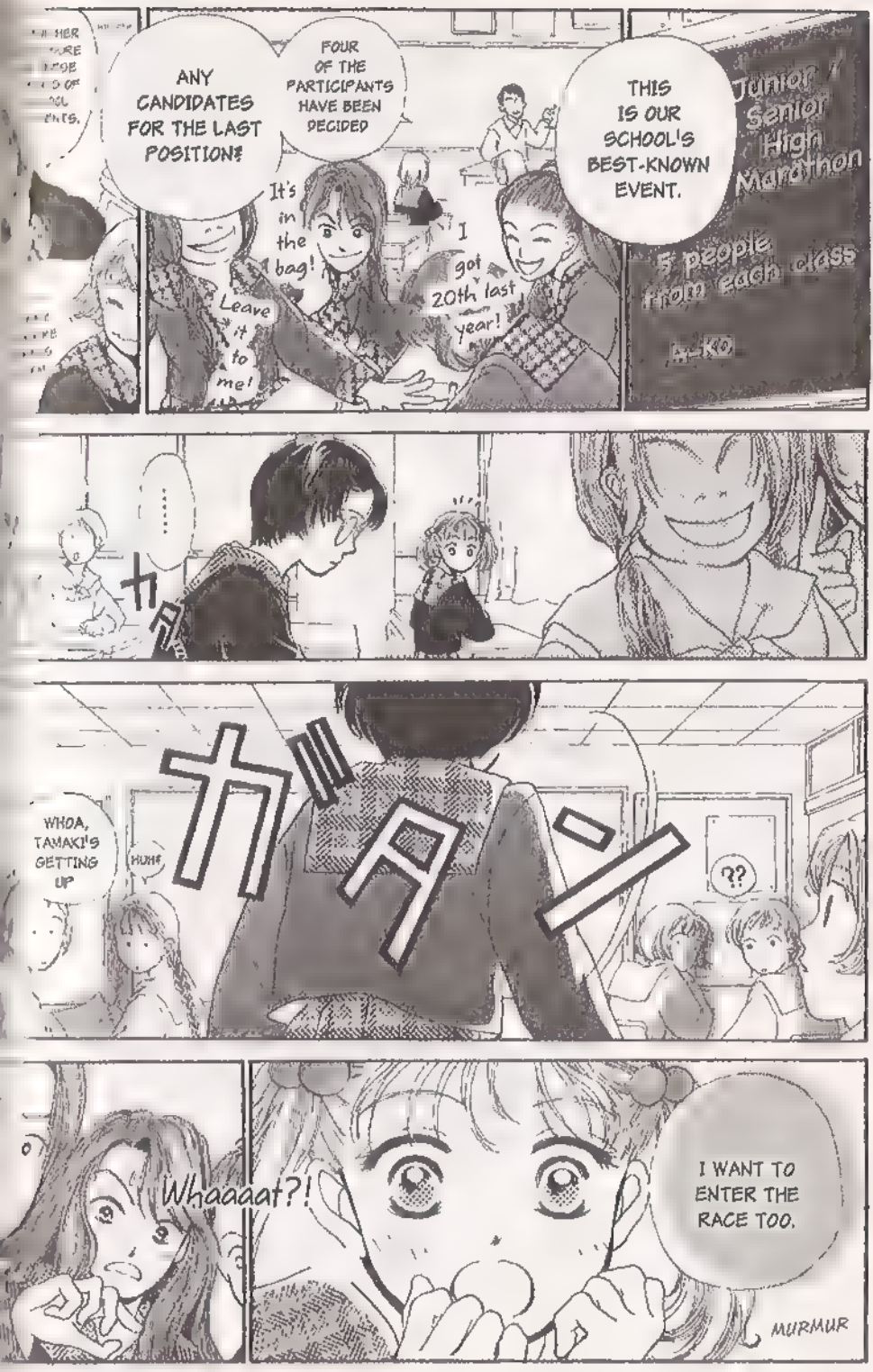
...I THINK I FELT THAT WAY TOO.

OR MAYBE I DIDN'T.

I THINK THE FEELINGS OF EVERY PERSON IN CLASS 2-B ARE FROZEN... PARALYZED BY FEAR.






ANY CANDIDATES FOR THE LAST POSITION?
FOUR OF THE PARTICIPANTS HAVE BEEN DECIDED
It's in the bag!
Leave it to me!
THIS IS OUR SCHOOL'S BEST-KNOWN EVENT.
Junior / Senior High Marathon
5 people from each class
I got 20th last year!
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WHOA, TAMAKI'S GETTING UP
HUH?
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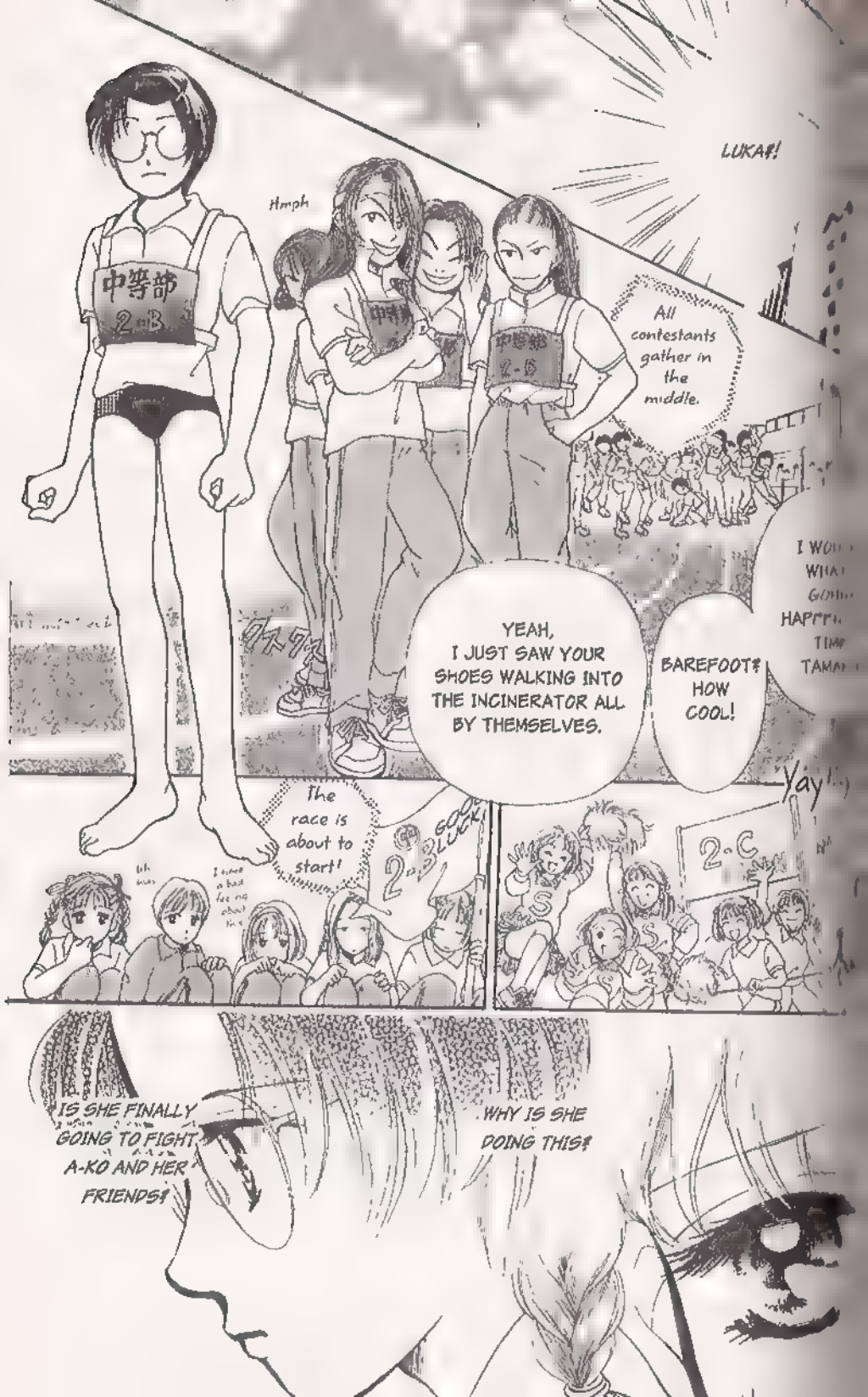
Whaaaat?!
I WANT TO ENTER THE RACE TOO.
MURMUR

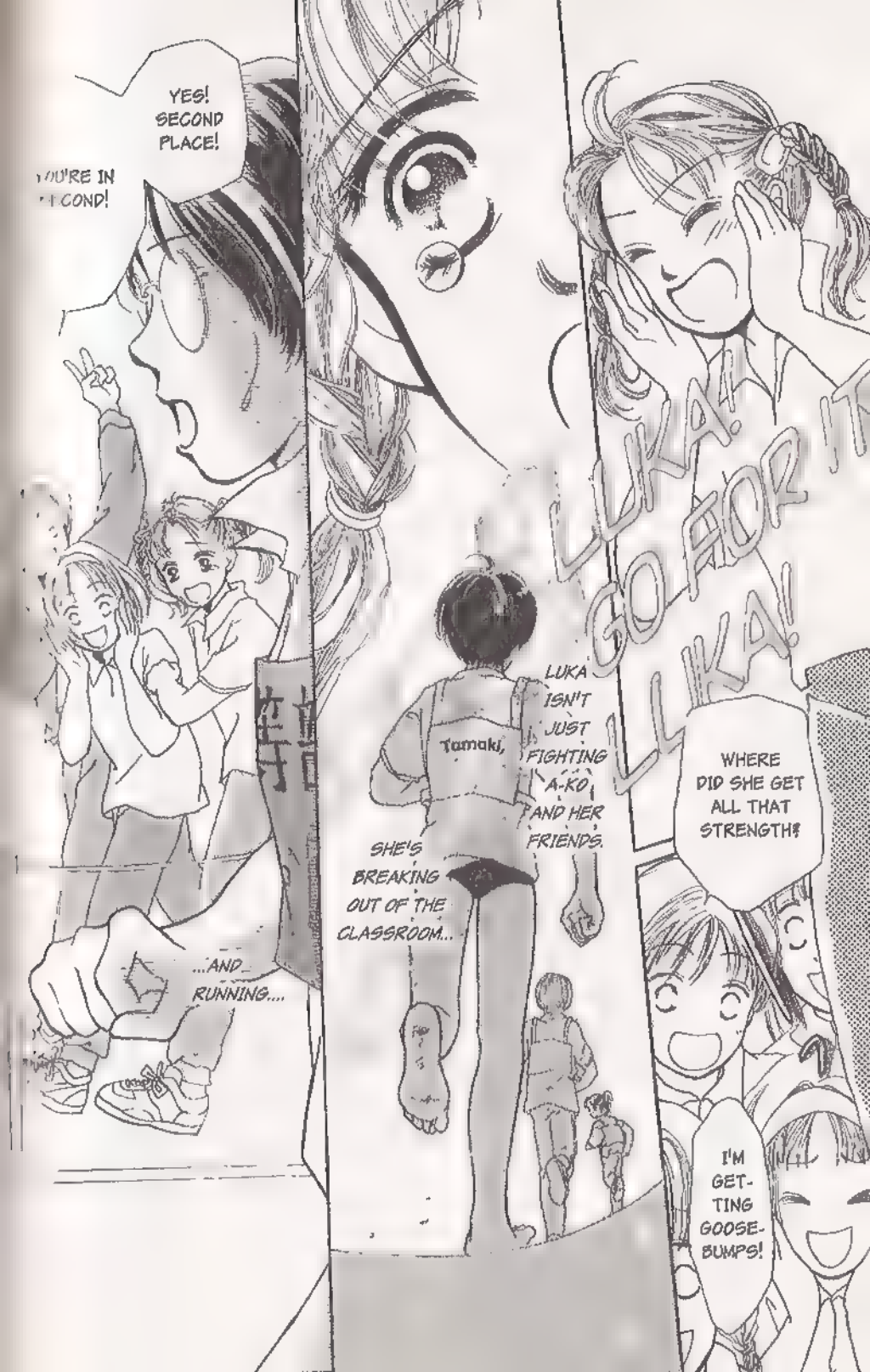

LUKA!!
Hmph
中等部
2-B
All contestants gather in the middle.
YEAH, I JUST SAW YOUR SHOES WALKING INTO THE INCINERATOR ALL BY THEMSELVES.
BAREFOOT? HOW COOL!
Yay!
The race is about to start!
GOOD LUCK!
2-C
IS SHE FINALLY GOING TO FIGHT A-KO AND HER FRIENDS?
WHY IS SHE DOING THIS?

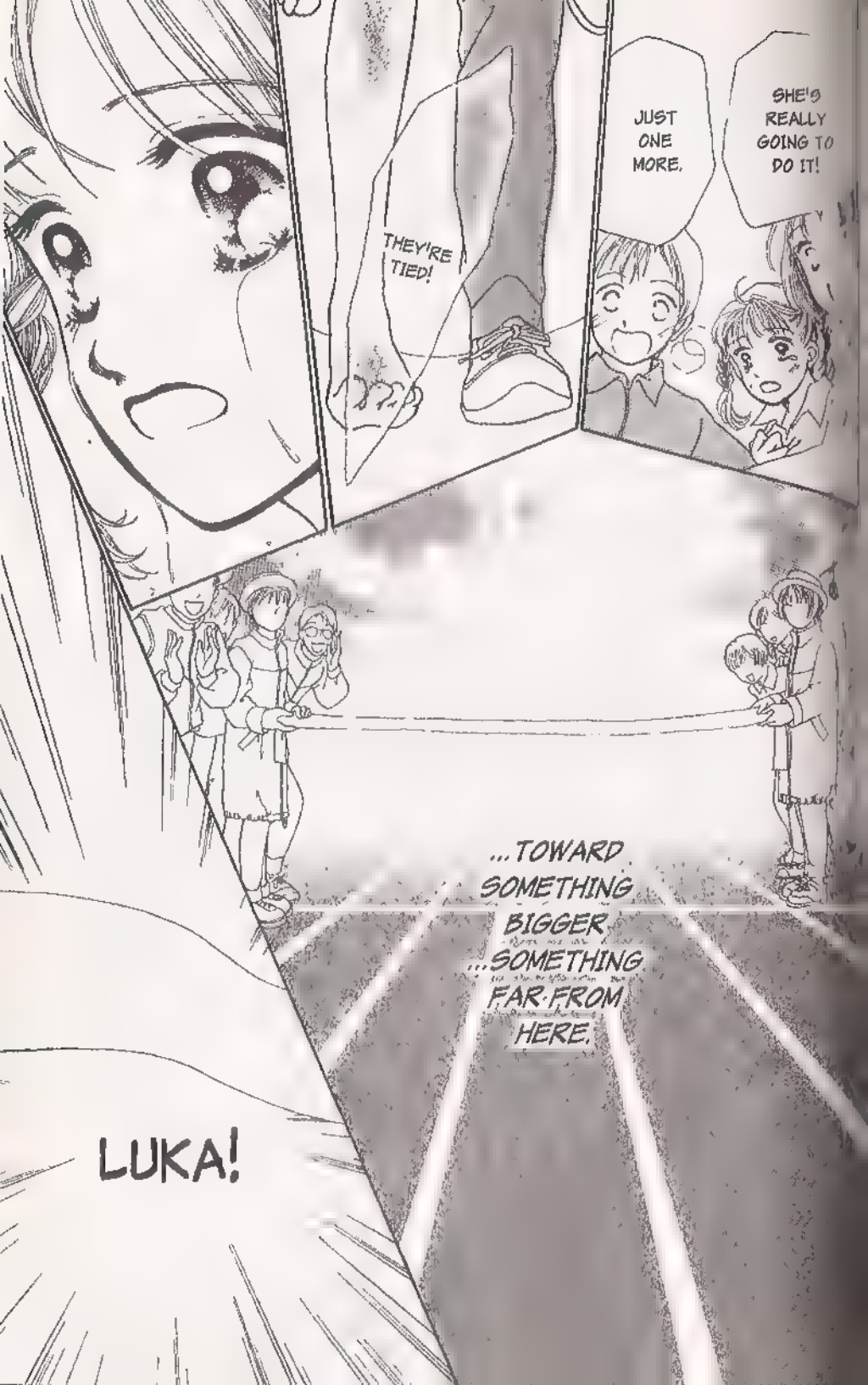
LUKA...
パァン
YEAH, RUN ALL THE WAY IN THE BACK!
TAMAKI, YOU STINK!
UGLY!
ドン
!!
HEY! SOMEBODY'S HURT!
Eh. Ine high schoolers are probably gonna win everything anyway.
I feel so stupid just sitting here waiting

LUKA... PLEASE BE SAFE!
It's a high-schooler
.....
WHO IS IT?
LU...
Tamaki
Huff huff
Huff huff
Huff huff
.....

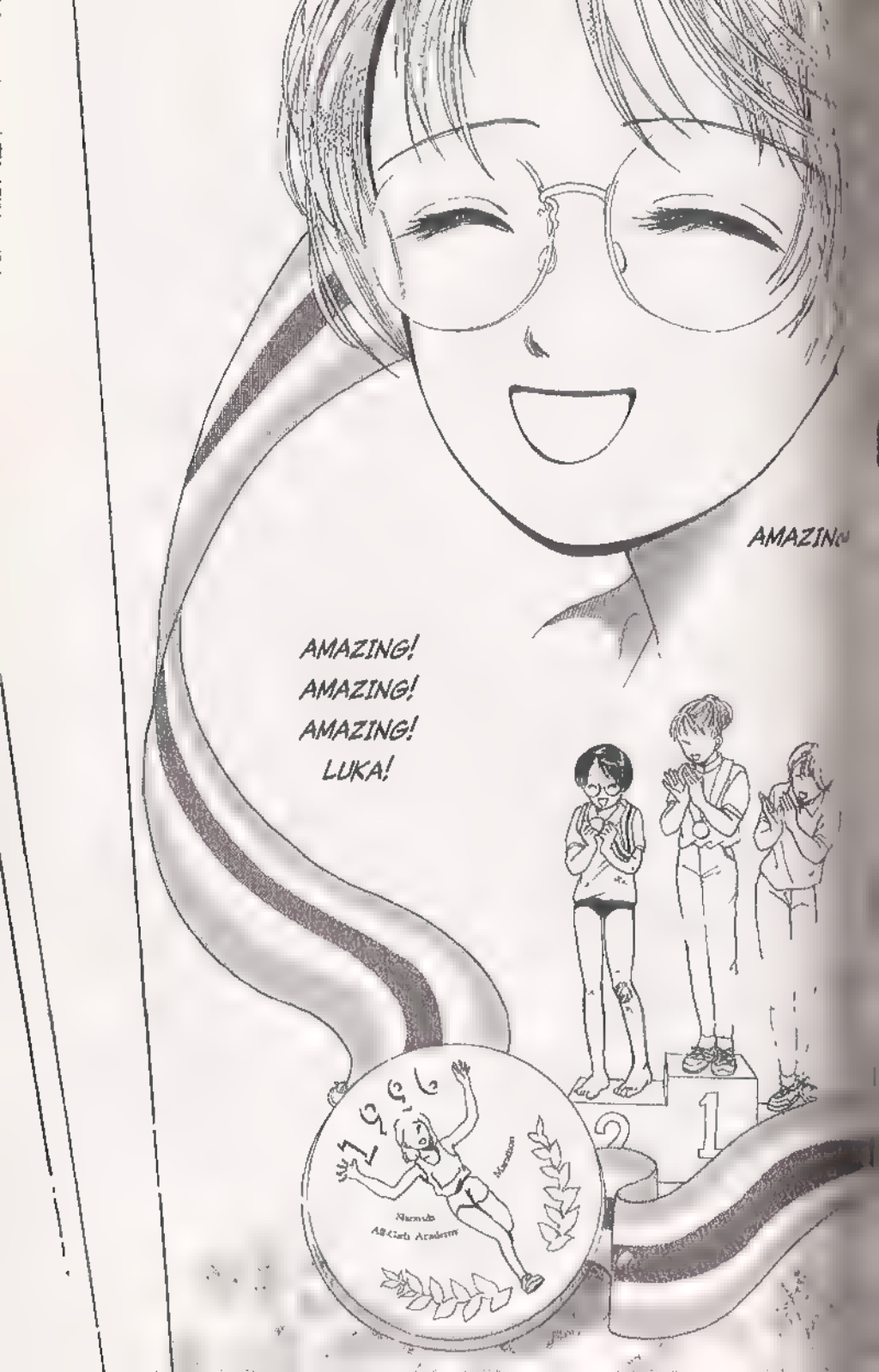
Huff huff
Ugly bitch!
Hey!
WHAT'S HER NAME AGAIN?
THERE'S A JUNIOR-HIGH GIRL IN FOURTH!
Yaaaaaay!
HERE COME THE LEADERS.
!!
COULDN'T BE.
TAMAKI?
NO WAY...

IT'S...
中等部
...IT'S LUKA!
They're entering the final stretch!
LUKA!
LU...
SERIOUSLY?!
GO! PASS ONE MORE!
SHE JUST PASSED SOMEONE.
Huh?
HEY, LOOK AT TAMAKI!


YES! SECOND PLACE!
YOU'RE IN SECOND!
LUKA! GO FOR IT LUKA!
WHERE DID SHE GET ALL THAT STRENGTH?
I'M GET-TING GOOSE-BUMPS!
Tamaki,
LUKA ISN'T JUST FIGHTING A-KO AND HER FRIENDS.
SHE'S BREAKING OUT OF THE CLASSROOM...
...AND RUNNING....


SHE'S REALLY GOING TO DO IT!
JUST ONE MORE.
THEY'RE TIED!
...TOWARD SOMETHING BIGGER ...SOMETHING FAR FROM HERE.
LUKA!

But you got the silver!
Oh, so close!
Amazing!
Yaaaay!
LUKA!
LUKA!
.....
I got so excited, I cried!
You did it, Tamaki!
How touching


AMAZING!
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LUKA!
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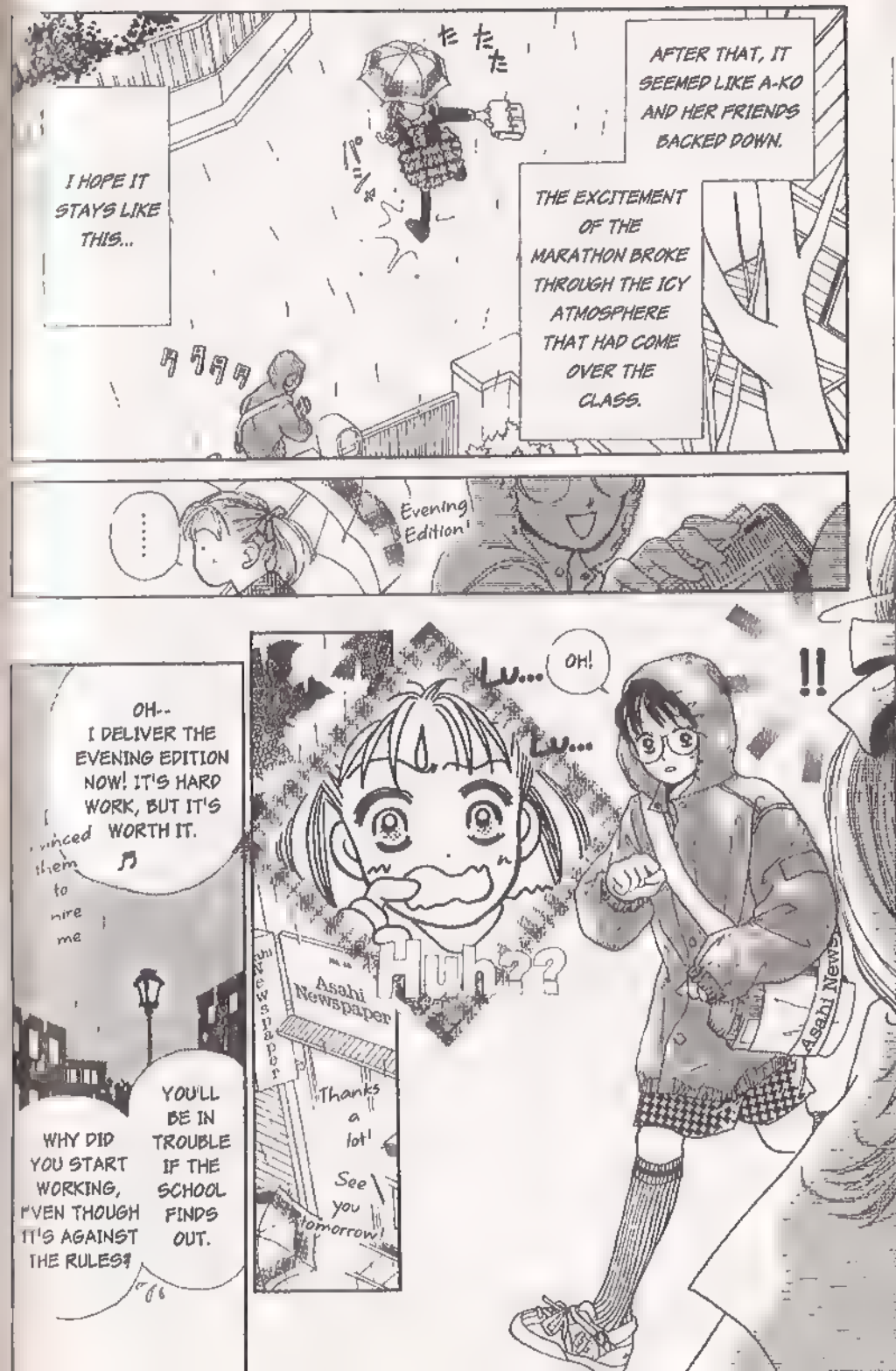
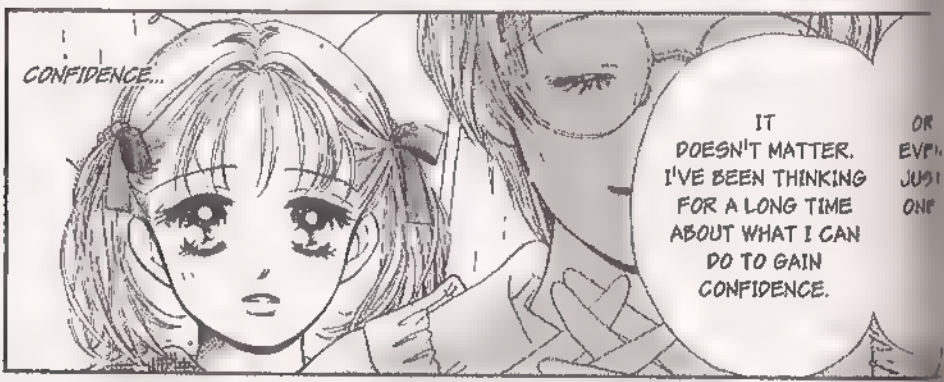
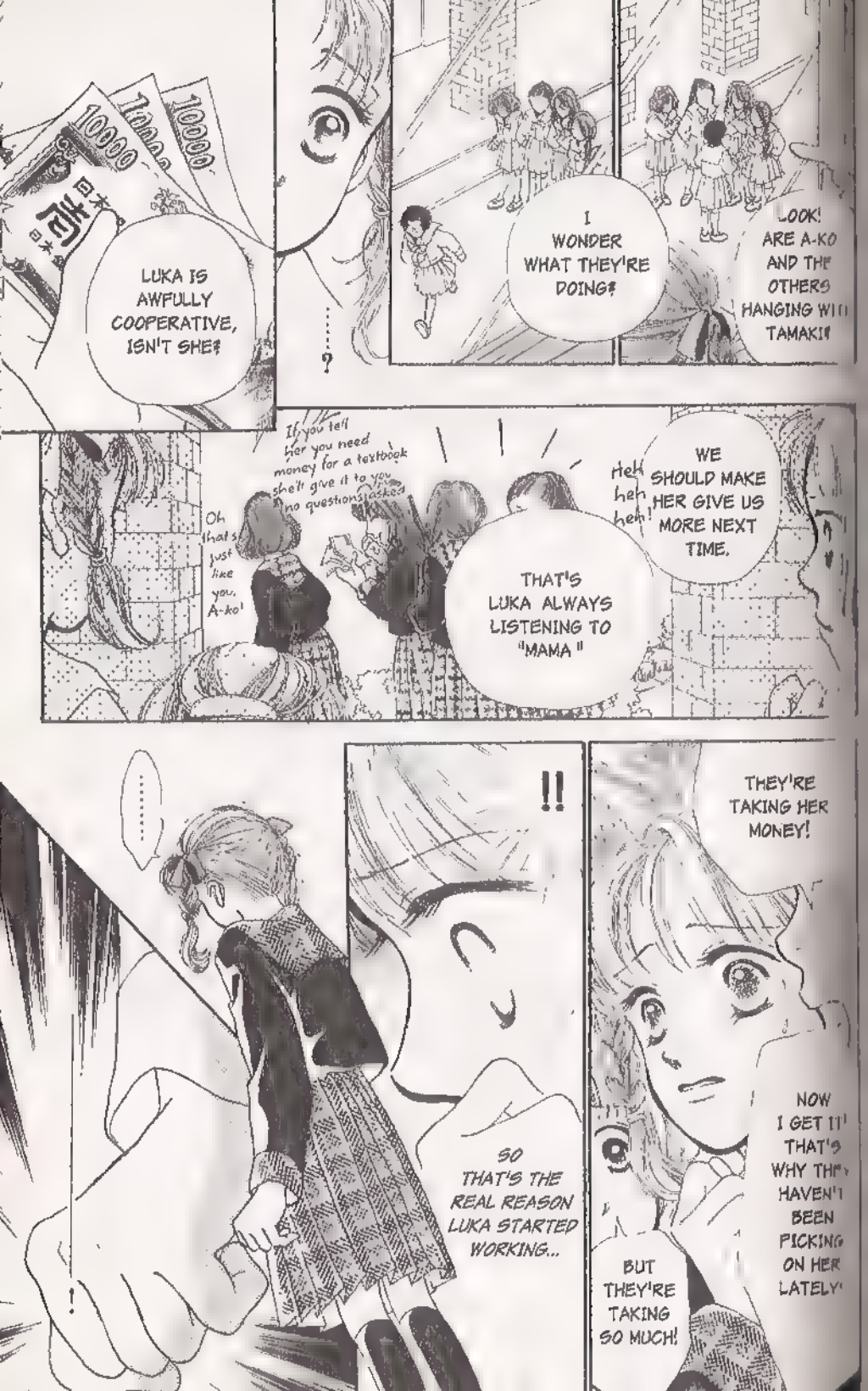

I HOPE IT STAYS LIKE THIS...
たたた
AFTER THAT, IT SEEMED LIKE A-KO AND HER FRIENDS BACKED DOWN.
THE EXCITEMENT OF THE MARATHON BROKE THROUGH THE ICY ATMOSPHERE THAT HAD COME OVER THE CLASS.
Evening Edition!
OH--
I DELIVER THE EVENING EDITION NOW! IT'S HARD WORK, BUT IT'S WORTH IT.
♫
WHY DID YOU START WORKING, EVEN THOUGH IT'S AGAINST THE RULES?
YOU'LL BE IN TROUBLE IF THE SCHOOL FINDS OUT.
Asahi Newspaper
Thanks a lot!
See you tomorrow!
OH!
Huh??
!!
Asahi Newspaper

MARA-
THONS?
WELL..
I'VE BEEN
THINKING ABOUT
RUNNING
MARATHONS.
TRAINING?
...I GUESS YOU
COULD SAY IT'S
A PART OF MY
TRAINING.
HMM
.....?


CONFIDENCE...
IT
DOESN'T MATTER.
I'VE BEEN THINKING
FOR A LONG TIME
ABOUT WHAT I CAN
DO TO GAIN
CONFIDENCE.
OR
EVE
JUS
ONE

AND THEN YOU
GET THE SAME
FEELING THE
NEXT TIME...
...BUT
I'LL RUN
AGAIN
TOMORROW."
IT'S
LIKE, "I
MADE IT
SO
FAR...
SEE, MARATHONS
ARE LONG AND
DIFFICULT, BUT AFTER
YOU'RE FINISHED, YOU
GET THIS HUGE SENSE
OF SATISFACTION.
I THINK
I LIKE MYSELF
THE BEST WHEN
I'M RUNNING.

LIKE YUKO ARIMORI...
...SUDDENLY, I FEEL LIKE I COULD LEAVE A BIG IMPRESSION ON THE WORLD. IT'S AMAZING.
THAT'S THE KIND OF RUNNER I WANT TO BE.
LUKA...


LUKA IS AWFULLY COOPERATIVE, ISN'T SHE?
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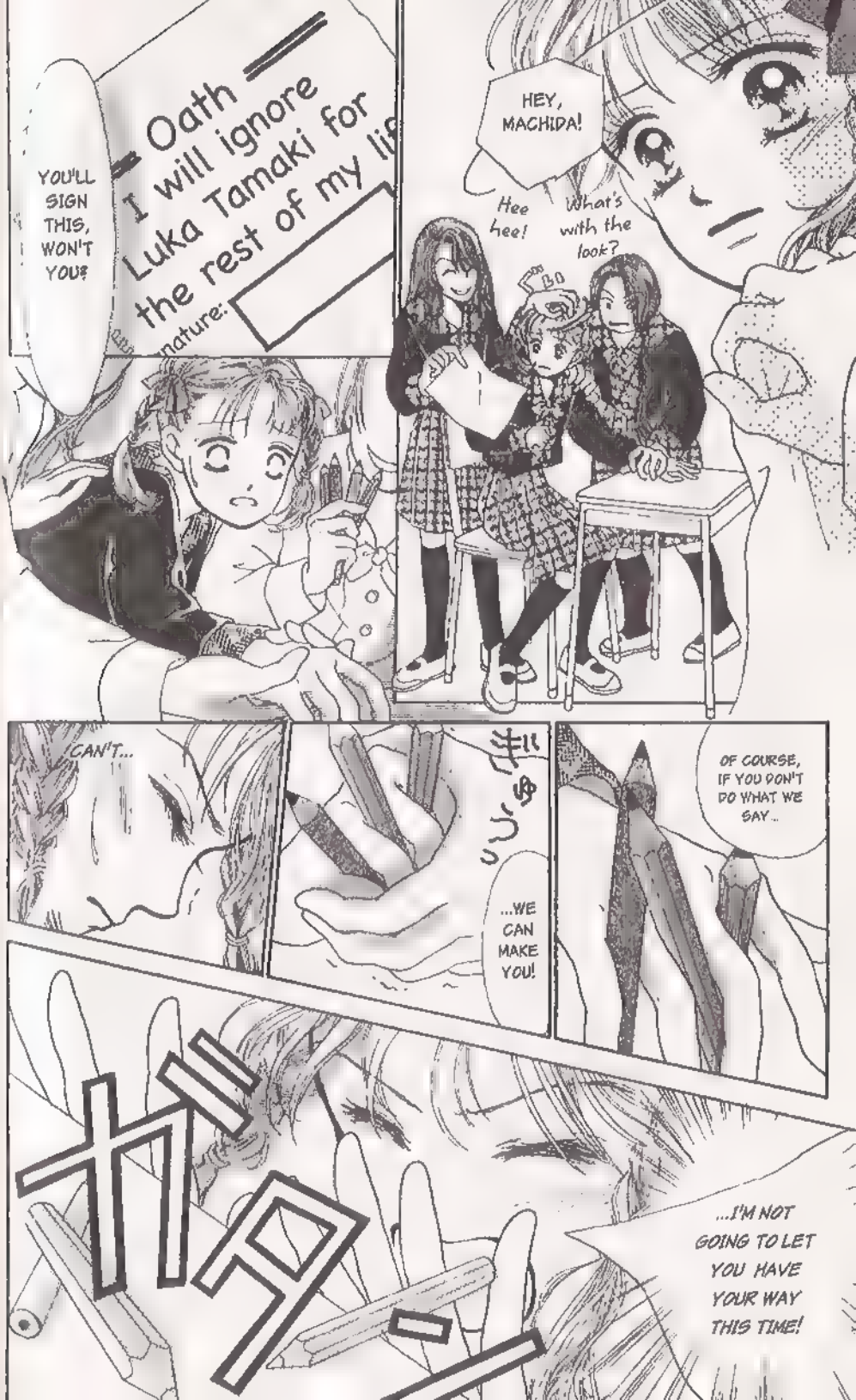
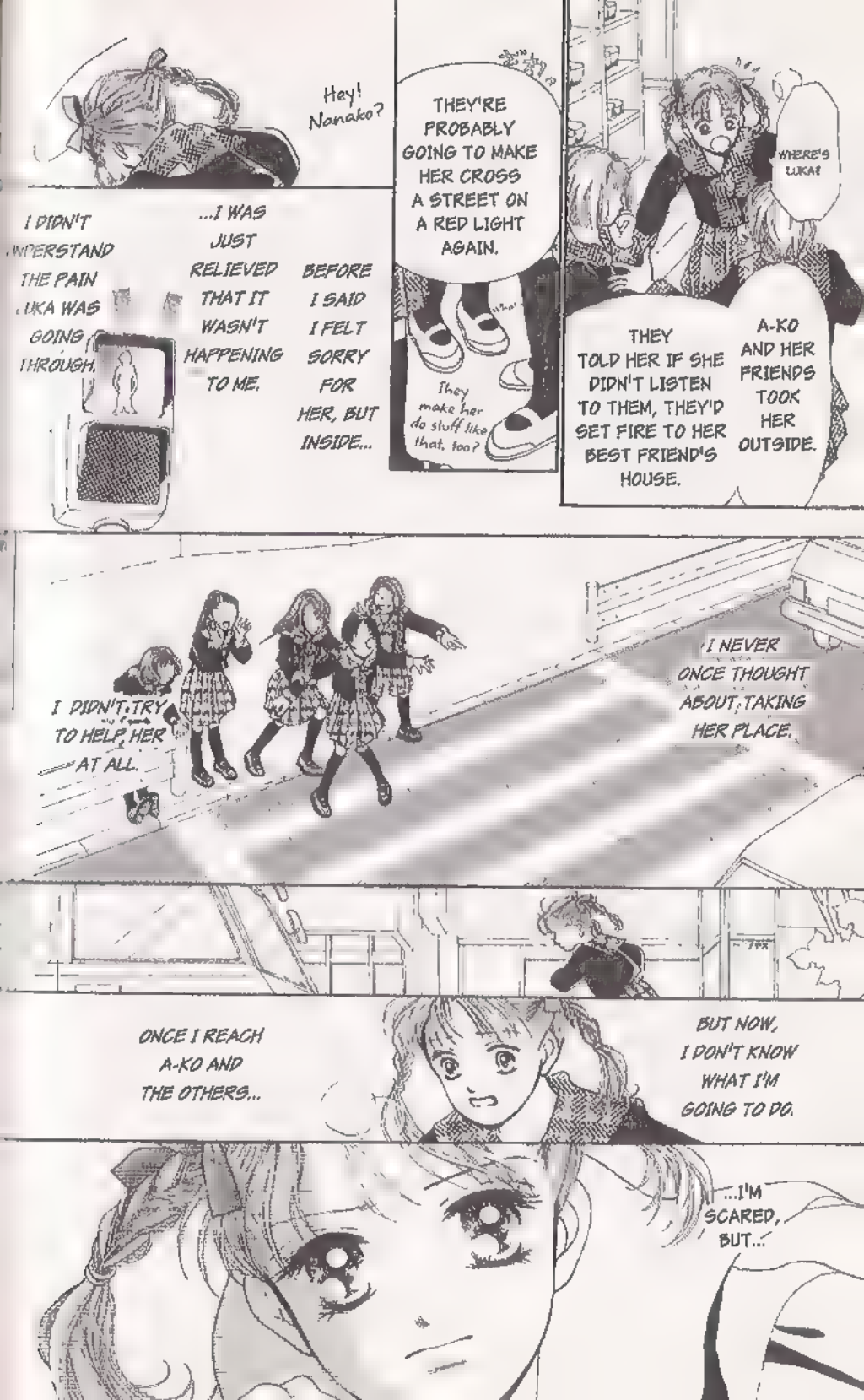
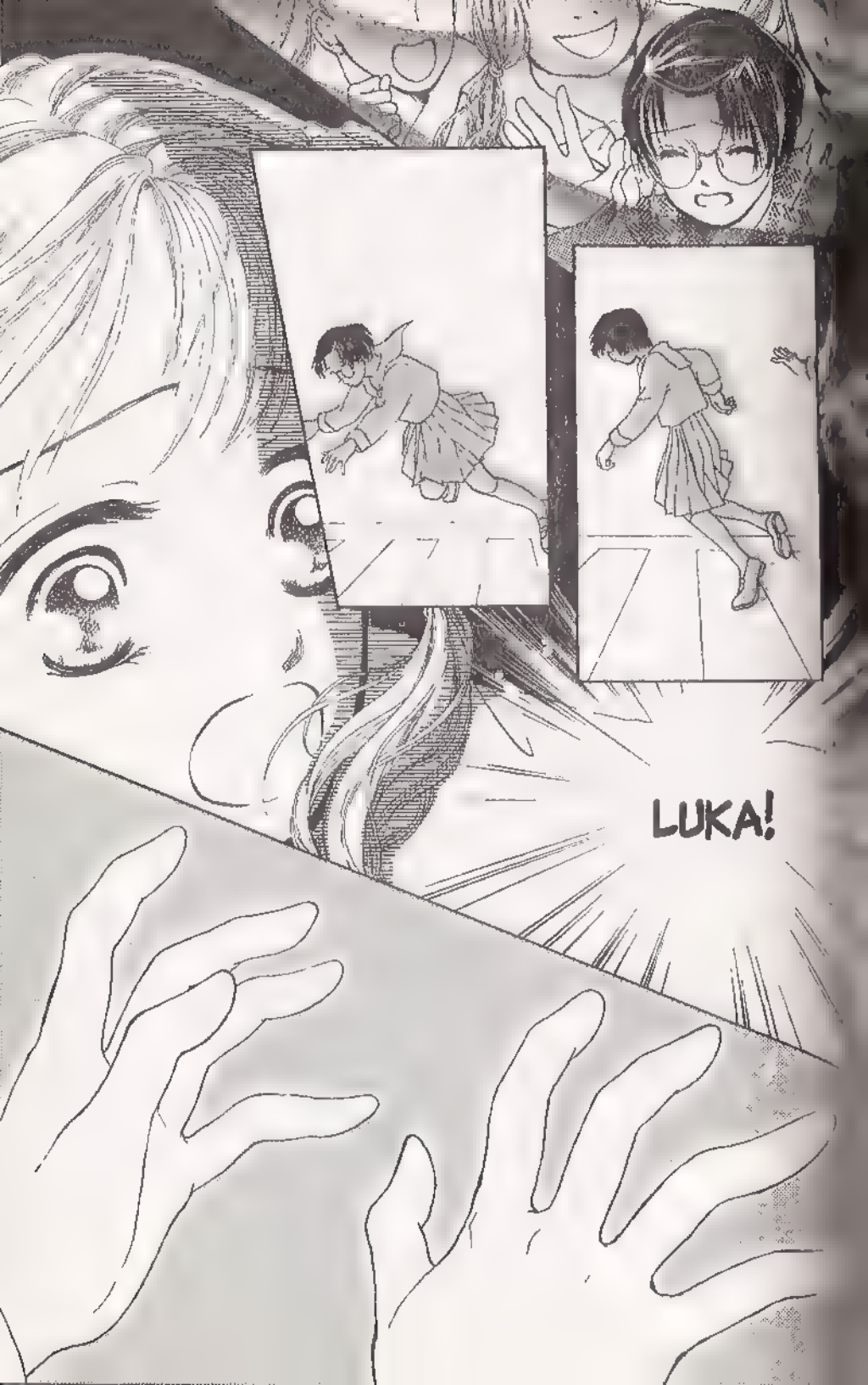
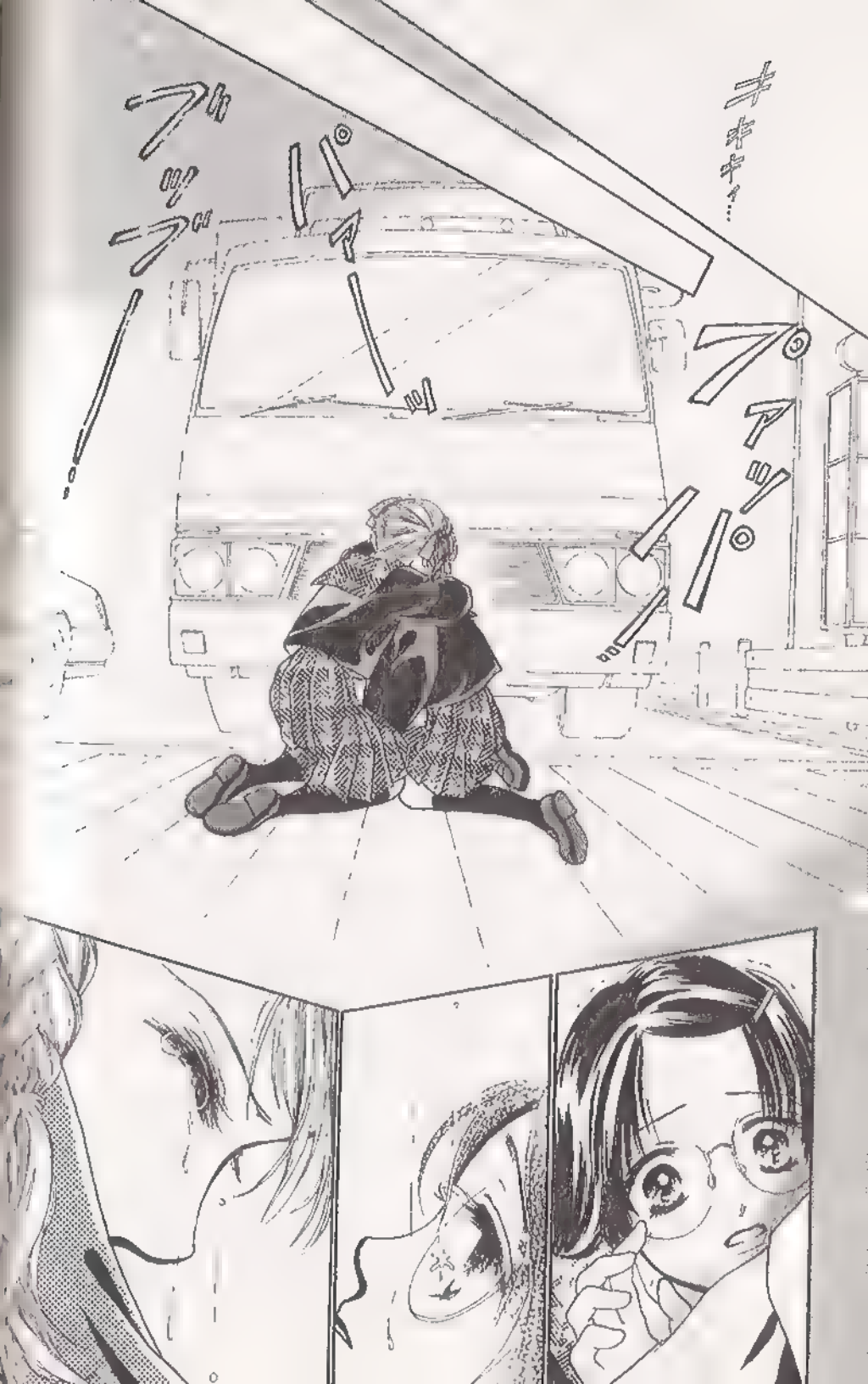
?
I WONDER WHAT THEY'RE DOING?
LOOK! ARE A-KO AND THE OTHERS HANGING WITH TAMAKI?
THAT'S LUKA ALWAYS LISTENING TO "MAMA"
If you tell her you need money for a textbook she'll give it to you no questions asked.
Oh that's just like you, A-ko!
Heh heh heh!
WE SHOULD MAKE HER GIVE US MORE NEXT TIME.
!!
SO THAT'S THE REAL REASON LUKA STARTED WORKING...
!
THEY'RE TAKING HER MONEY!
NOW I GET IT! THAT'S WHY THEY HAVEN'T BEEN PICKING ON HER LATELY!
BUT THEY'RE TAKING SO MUCH!


YOU'LL SIGN THIS, WON'T YOU?
Oath
I will ignore Luka Tamaki for the rest of my li
nature:
HEY, MACHIDA!
Hee hee!
What's with the look?
I CAN'T...
...WE CAN MAKE YOU!
OF COURSE, IF YOU DON'T DO WHAT WE SAY...
ナヨ
...I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU HAVE YOUR WAY THIS TIME!

MACHIDA!
WHA...
WHA...
WAY TO GO, MACHIDA!
しらっ…
WHO JUST SAID THAT?
I HATE THIS.
...WHY SHOULD I HAVE TO BE AFRAID OF HER?
SHE'S JUST A GIRL WHO'S THE SAME AGE AS ME.
I HATE MYSELF FOR ACTING LIKE THIS!


Hey! Nanako?
THEY'RE PROBABLY GOING TO MAKE HER CROSS A STREET ON A RED LIGHT AGAIN.
What?
They make her do stuff like that, too?
WHERE'S LUKA?
A-KO AND HER FRIENDS TOOK HER OUTSIDE.
THEY TOLD HER IF SHE DIDN'T LISTEN TO THEM, THEY'D SET FIRE TO HER BEST FRIEND'S HOUSE.
BEFORE I SAID I FELT SORRY FOR HER, BUT INSIDE...
...I WAS JUST RELIEVED THAT IT WASN'T HAPPENING TO ME.
I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THE PAIN LUKA WAS GOING THROUGH.
I NEVER ONCE THOUGHT ABOUT TAKING HER PLACE.
I DIDN'T TRY TO HELP HER AT ALL.
BUT NOW, I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'M GOING TO DO.
ONCE I REACH A-KO AND THE OTHERS...
...I'M SCARED, BUT...


LUKA!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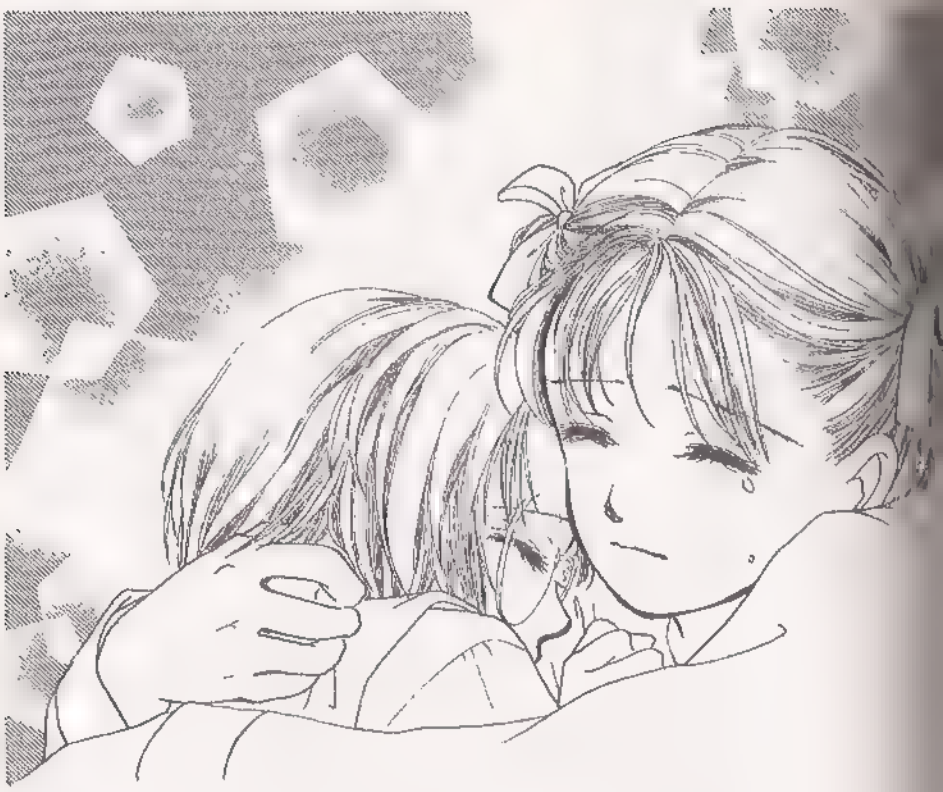
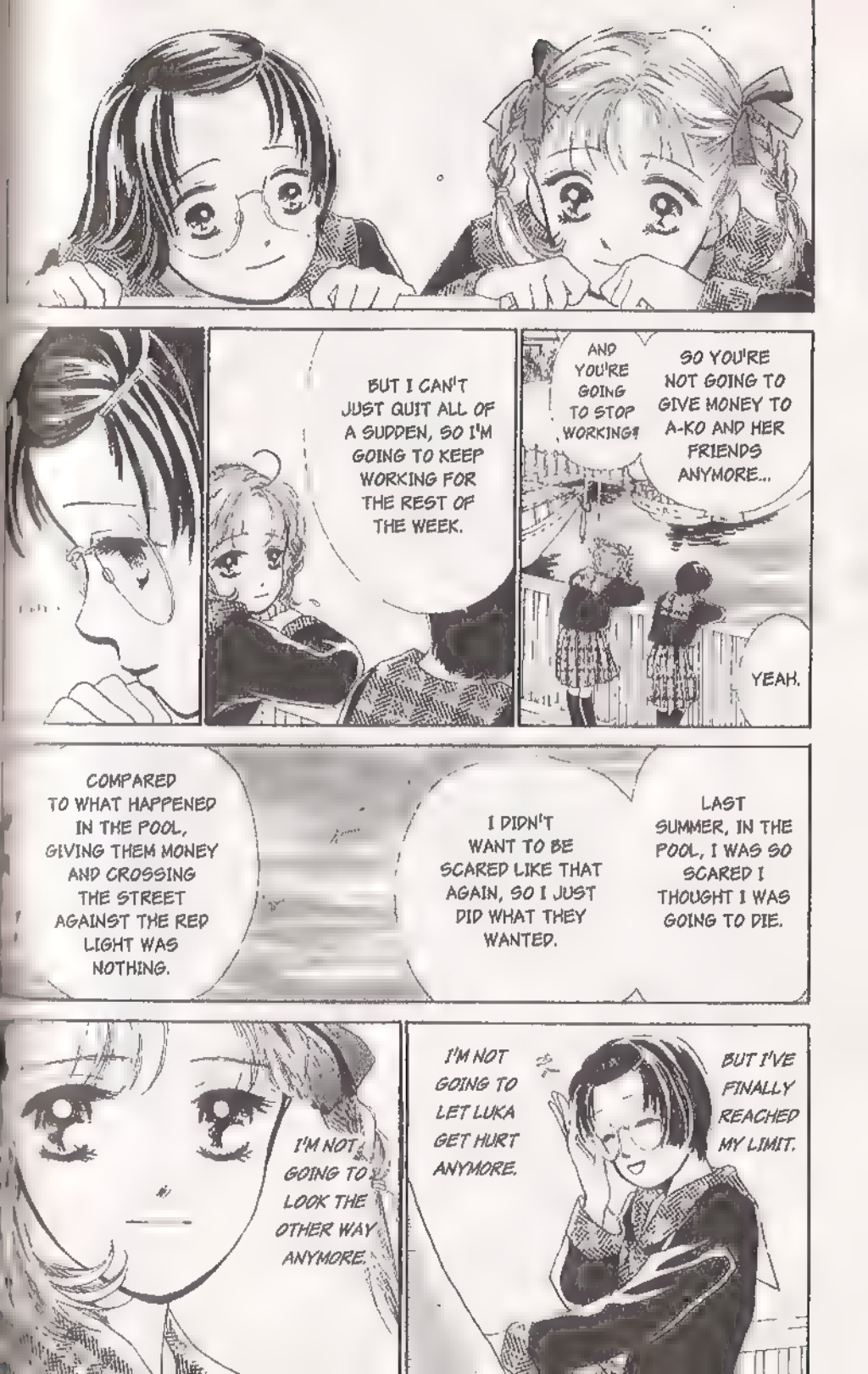


...I JUST WANT TO PROTECT LUKA.


BUT I CAN'T JUST QUIT ALL OF A SUDDEN, SO I'M GOING TO KEEP WORKING FOR THE REST OF THE WEEK.
SO YOU'RE NOT GOING TO GIVE MONEY TO A-KO AND HER FRIENDS ANYMORE...
AND YOU'RE GOING TO STOP WORKING?
YEAH.
COMPARED TO WHAT HAPPENED IN THE POOL, GIVING THEM MONEY AND CROSSING THE STREET AGAINST THE RED LIGHT WAS NOTHING.
I DIDN'T WANT TO BE SCARED LIKE THAT AGAIN, SO I JUST DID WHAT THEY WANTED.
LAST SUMMER, IN THE POOL, I WAS SO SCARED I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO DIE.
I'M NOT GOING TO LOOK THE OTHER WAY ANYMORE.
I'M NOT GOING TO LET LUKA GET HURT ANYMORE.
BUT I'VE FINALLY REACHED MY LIMIT.

TODAY, I CAN FEEL HAPPY WHEN I RUN.
OKAY, I HAVE TO GO.
BE CAREFUL.
LUKA USED TO RUN...
...ALONE, WITH NO FRIEND TO STAND BESIDE HER.
BUT...
...YOU'RE NOT ALONE ANYMORE, LUKA.

LUKA REALLY IS GOING TO BE A MARATHON RUNNER, HUH?
YOU CAN BE A GREAT RUNNER, LUKA.
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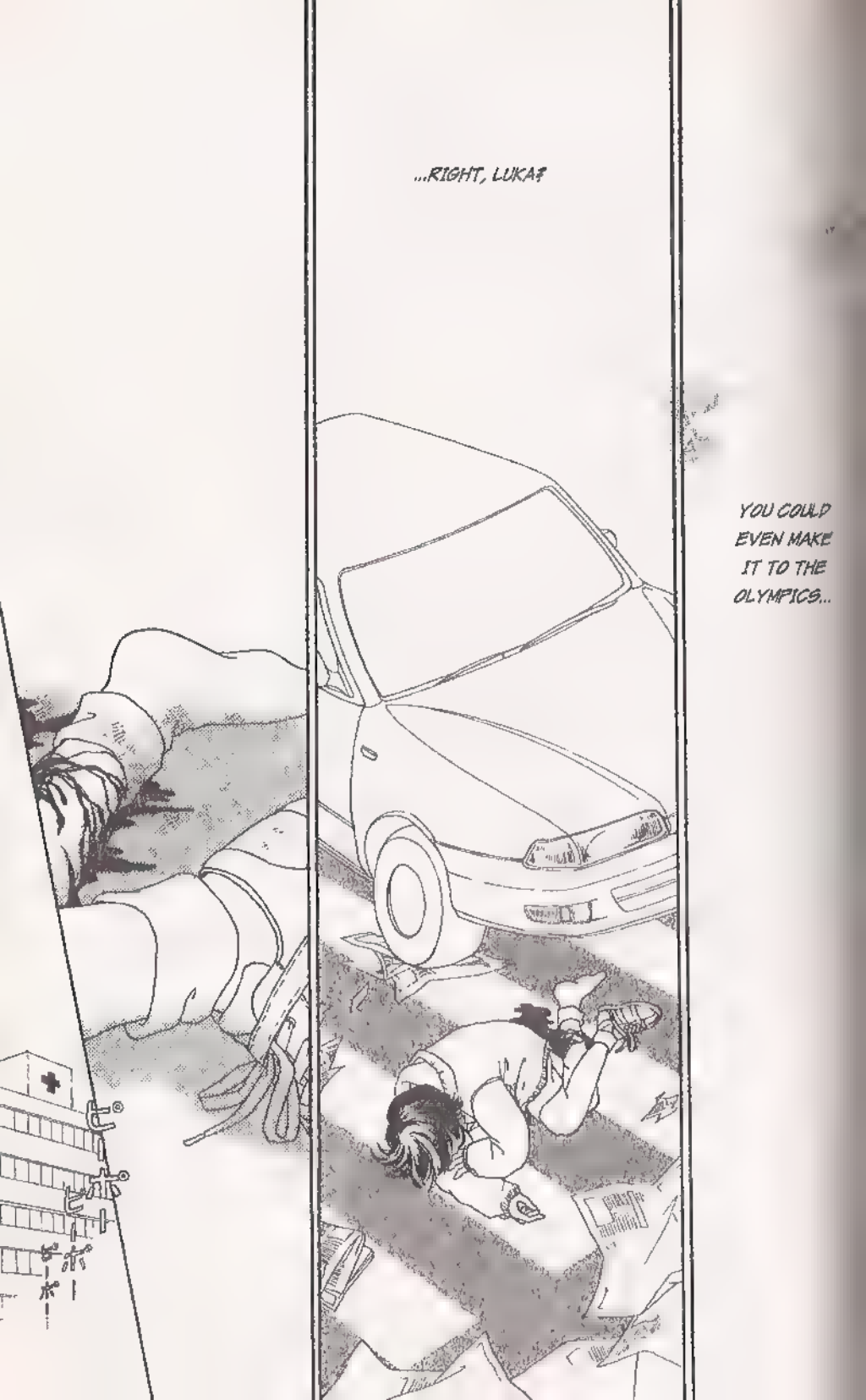
...RIGHT, LUKA?
YOU COULD EVEN MAKE IT TO THE OLYMPICS...
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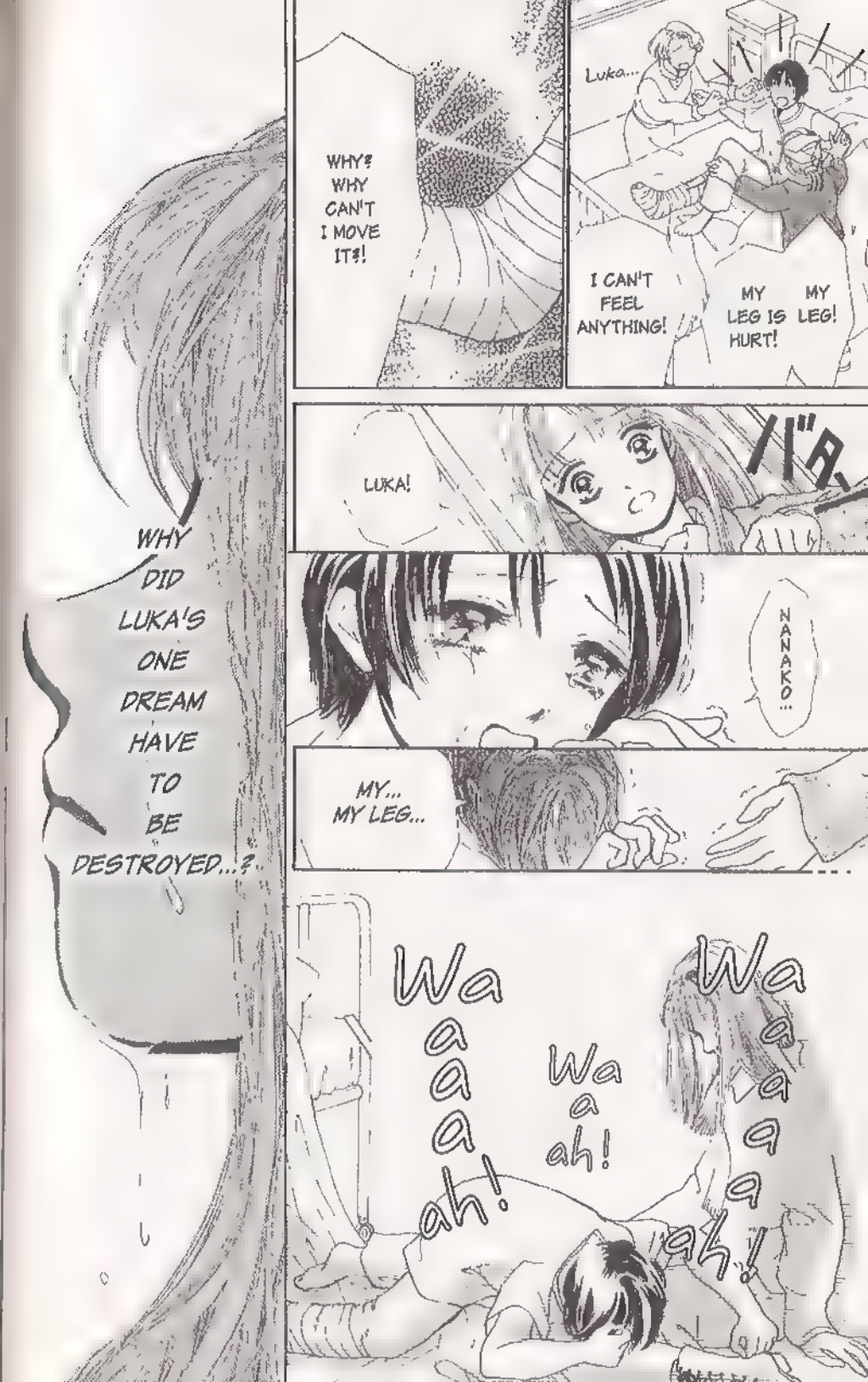
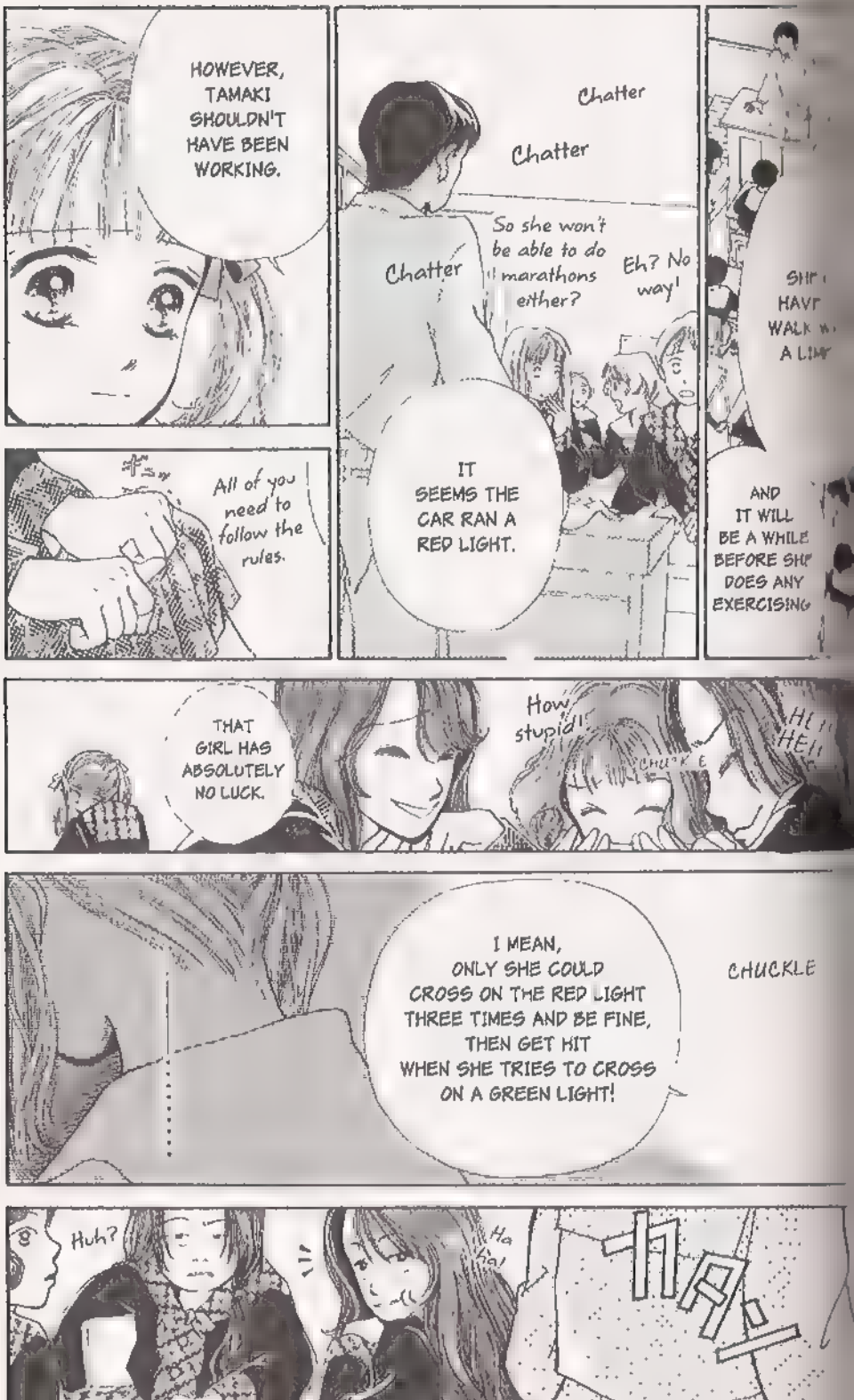

WHY? WHY CAN'T I MOVE IT?!
Luka...
I CAN'T FEEL ANYTHING!
MY LEG IS HURT!
MY LEG!
LUKA!
バタ
NANAKO...
MY... MY LEG...
WHY DID LUKA'S ONE DREAM HAVE TO BE DESTROYED...?
Waaaah!
Waah!
Waaaaah!


HOWEVER, TAMAKI SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN WORKING.
Chatter
Chatter
Chatter
So she won't be able to do marathons either?
Eh? No way!
IT SEEMS THE CAR RAN A RED LIGHT.
SHE HAVE WALK A LIMP
AND IT WILL BE A WHILE BEFORE SHE DOES ANY EXERCISING
All of you need to follow the rules.
THAT GIRL HAS ABSOLUTELY NO LUCK.
How stupid!
CHUCKLE
HE!!
I MEAN, ONLY SHE COULD CROSS ON THE RED LIGHT THREE TIMES AND BE FINE, THEN GET HIT WHEN SHE TRIES TO CROSS ON A GREEN LIGHT!
CHUCKLE
Huh?
Ha Ha!

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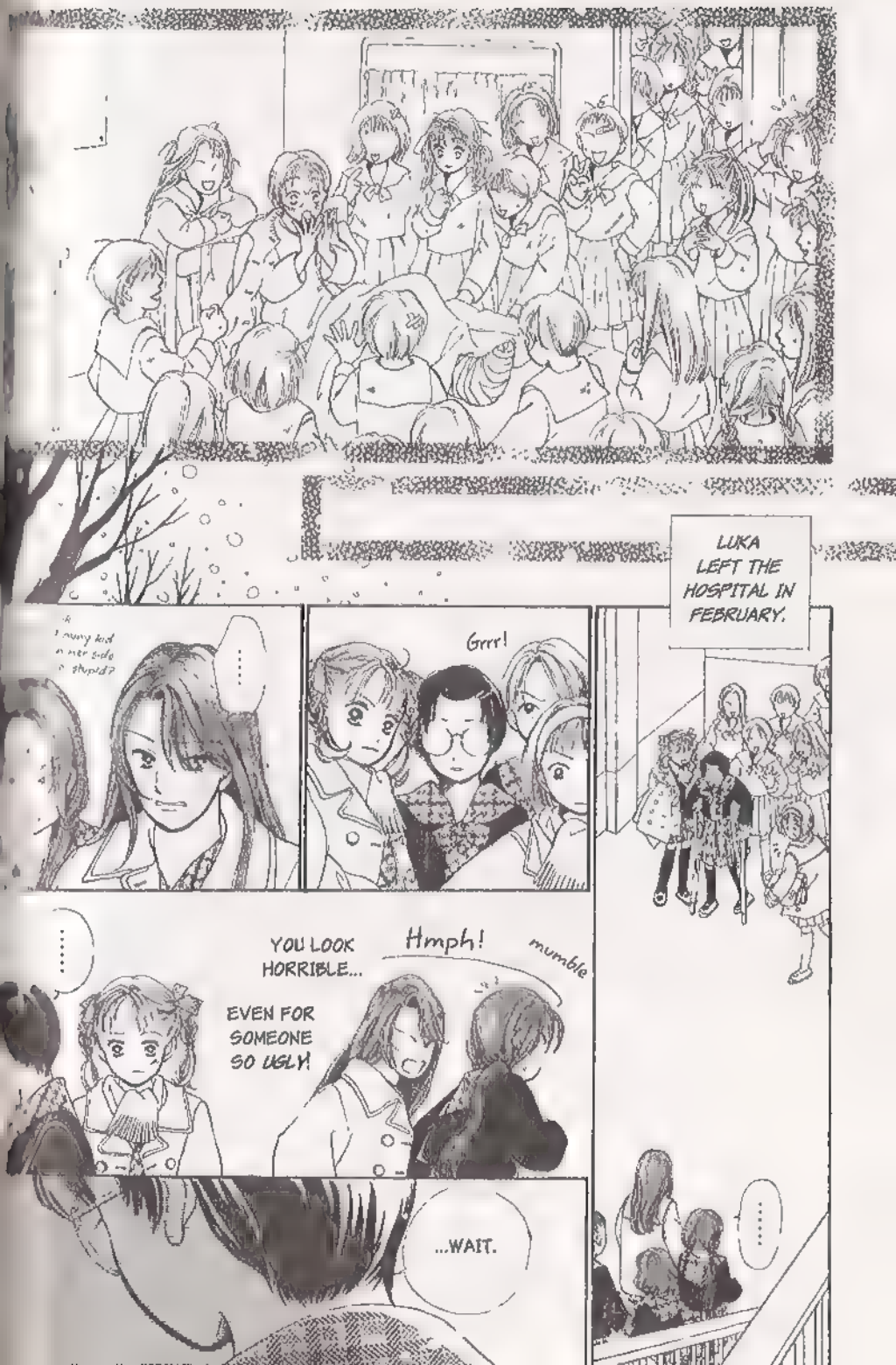
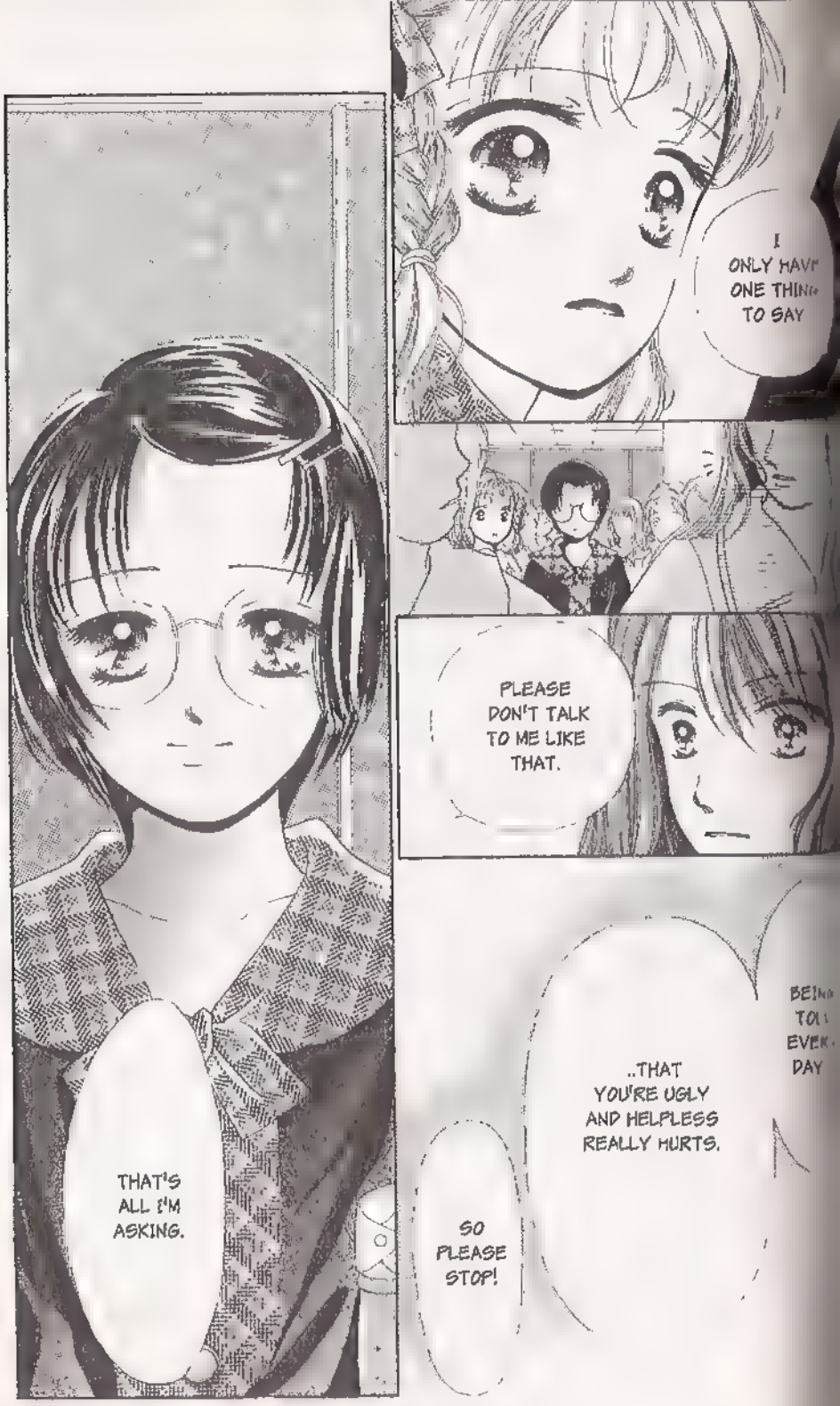
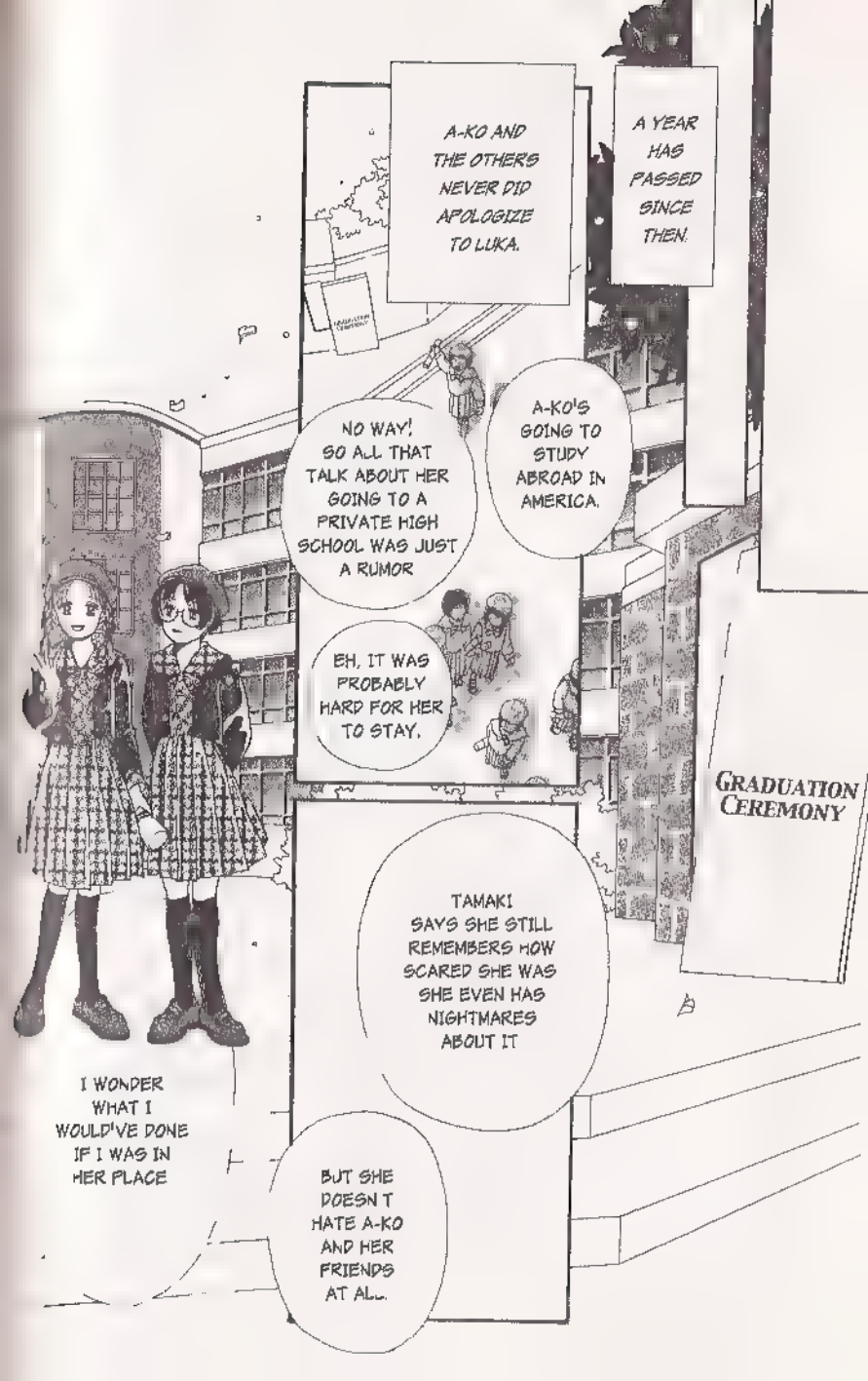
Augh! A-Ko!

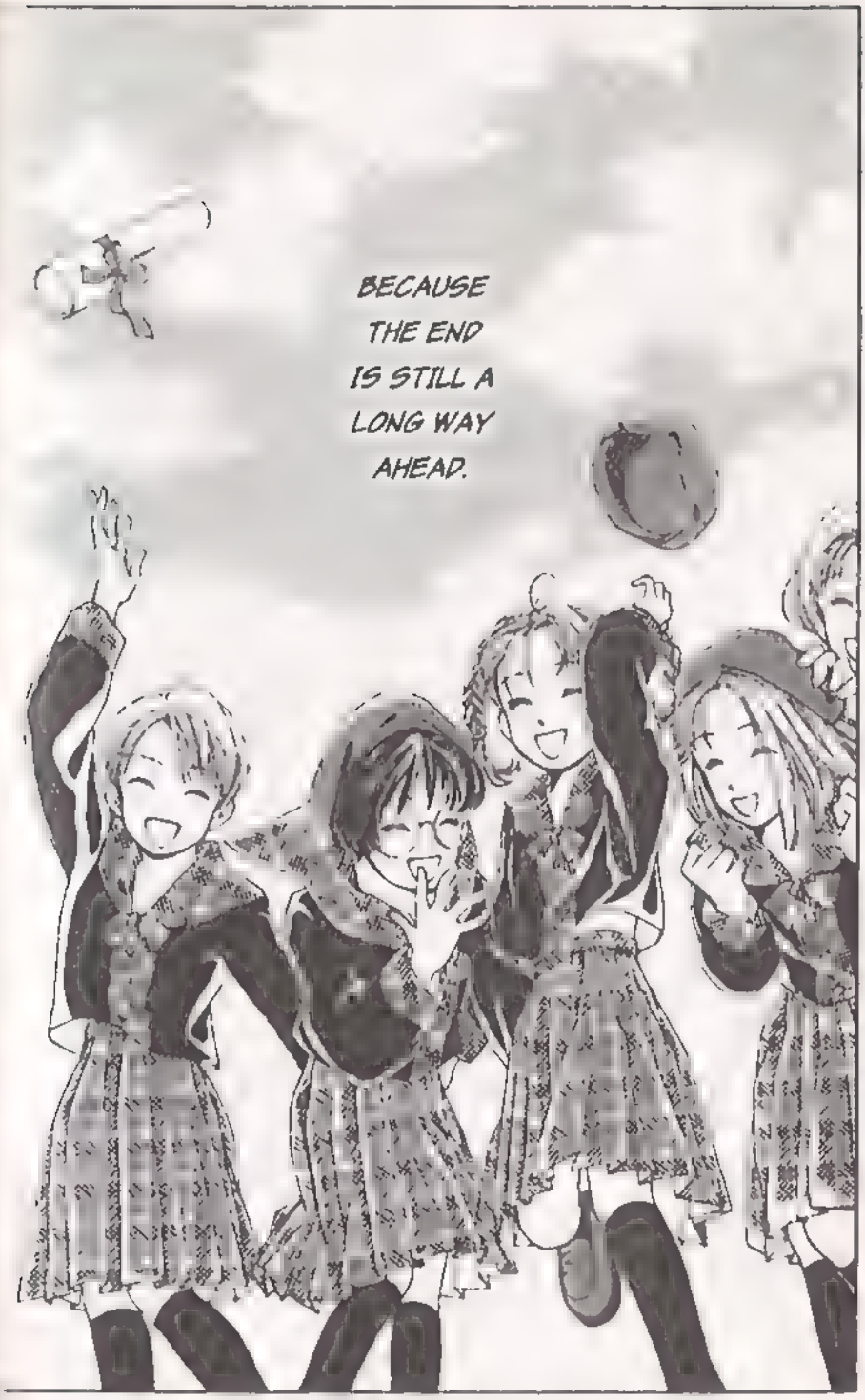
I NEVER THOUGHT PEOPLE COULD BE SO FULL OF HATRED.
"NO ONE IN THIS WORLD IS BORN NATURALLY EVIL."
AND I DIDN'T CARE IF IT WAS FAIR OR NOT.
Yaaugh!!
25 AGAINST FOUR.


LUKA LEFT THE HOSPITAL IN FEBRUARY.
Grrr!
YOU LOOK HORRIBLE...
EVEN FOR SOMEONE SO UGLY!
Hmph!
mumble
...WAIT.


I ONLY HAVE ONE THING TO SAY
PLEASE DON'T TALK TO ME LIKE THAT.
BEING TOLD EVERY DAY
..THAT YOU'RE UGLY AND HELPLESS REALLY HURTS.
SO PLEASE STOP!
THAT'S ALL I'M ASKING.


A-KO AND THE OTHERS NEVER DID APOLOGIZE TO LUKA.
A YEAR HAS PASSED SINCE THEN.
NO WAY! SO ALL THAT TALK ABOUT HER GOING TO A PRIVATE HIGH SCHOOL WAS JUST A RUMOR
A-KO'S GOING TO STUDY ABROAD IN AMERICA.
EH, IT WAS PROBABLY HARD FOR HER TO STAY.
GRADUATION CEREMONY
TAMAKI SAYS SHE STILL REMEMBERS HOW SCARED SHE WAS SHE EVEN HAS NIGHTMARES ABOUT IT
I WONDER WHAT I WOULD'VE DONE IF I WAS IN HER PLACE
BUT SHE DOESN T HATE A-KO AND HER FRIENDS AT ALL.

YOU'RE ONLY COMPETING WITH YOURSELF IN THIS LIFE.
2-B
LUKA TAUGHT ME THAT.
SO IF SOMETHING BLOCKS THE PATH TO YOUR FUTURE...
...YOU JUST HAVE TO MAKE ANOTHER PATH AROUND IT.
I STILL HAVE A LOT OF DREAMS.
INSTEAD OF DWELLING ON WHAT I LOST, I CONCENTRATED MORE ON WHAT I COULD STILL DO
I CRIED A LOT. BUT THEN I REMEMBERED THAT I HAVE MY BEST FRIEND...
AND EVERYONE ELSE IN MY CLASS.
AFTER THE ACCIDENT A YEAR AGO


BECAUSE
THE END
IS STILL A
LONG WAY
AHEAD.

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Forbidden Kiss

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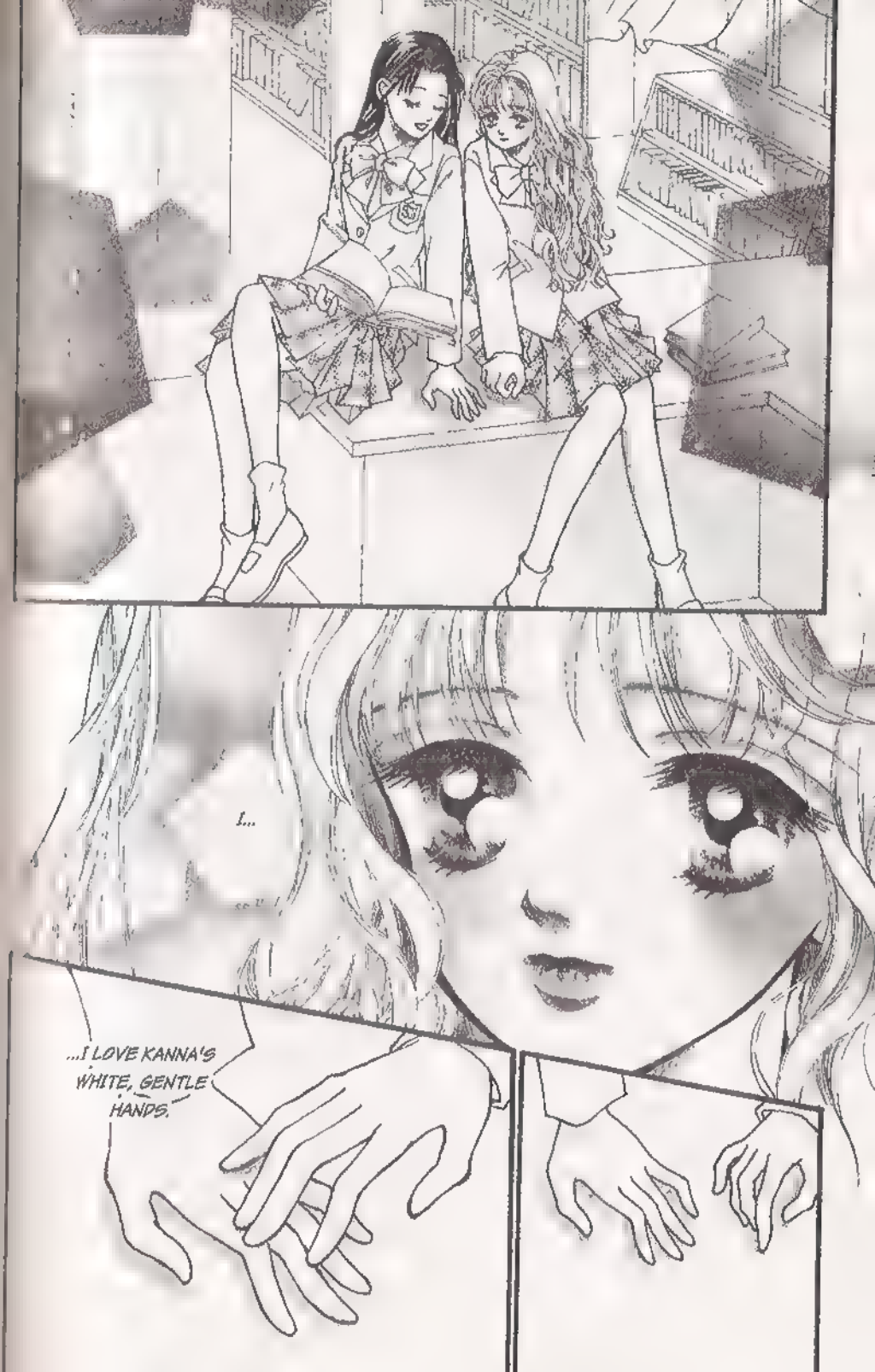
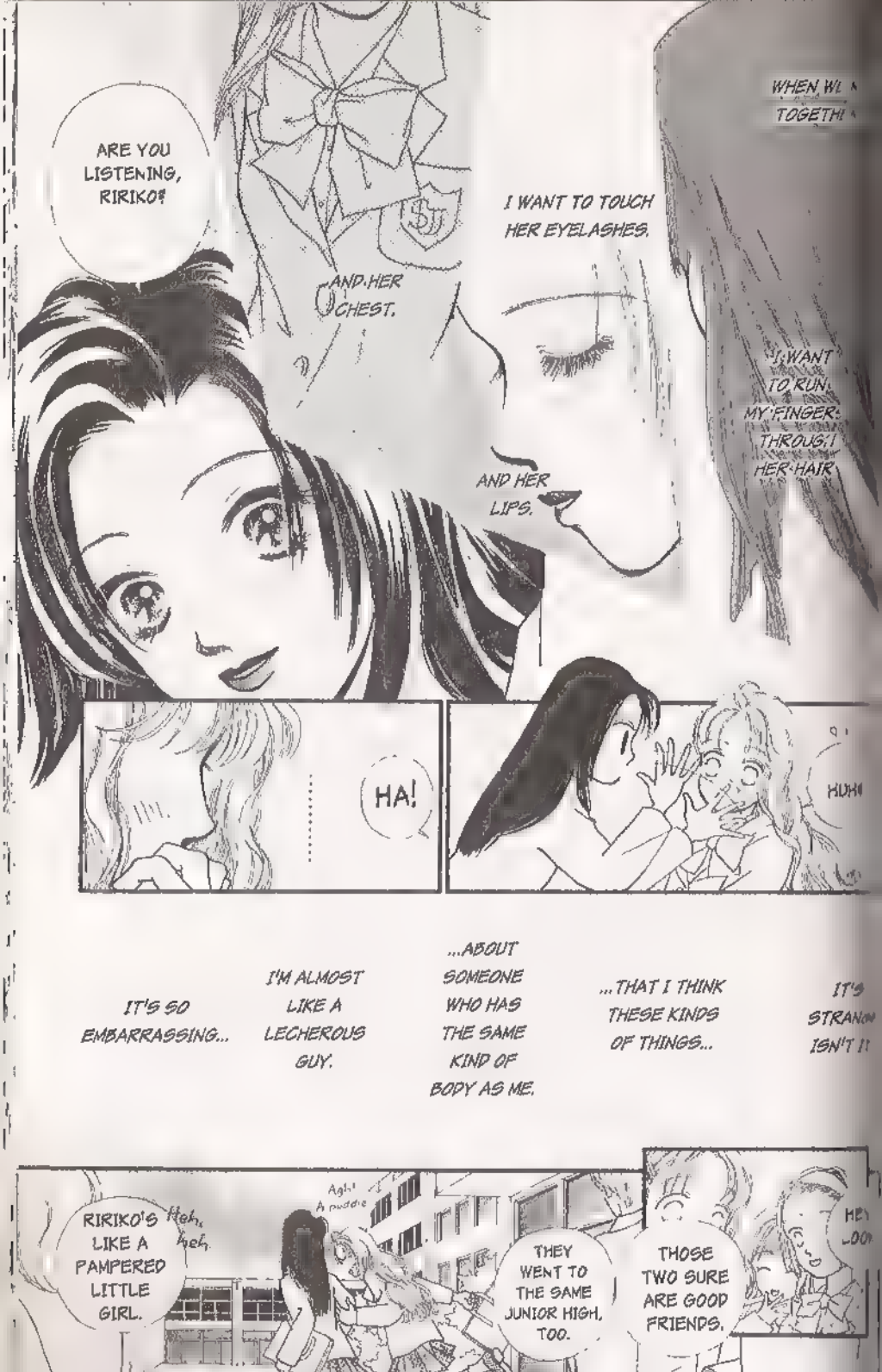
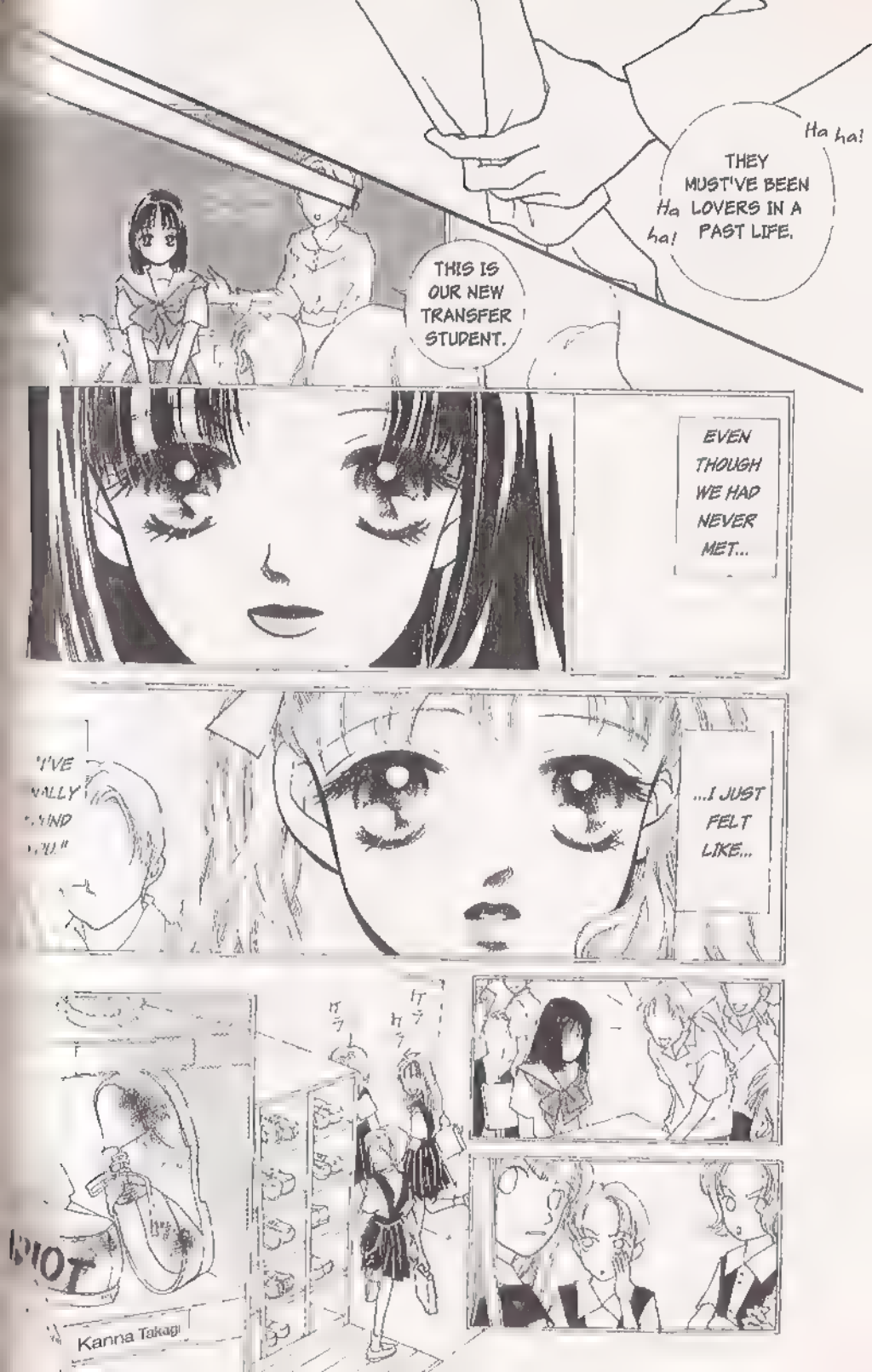
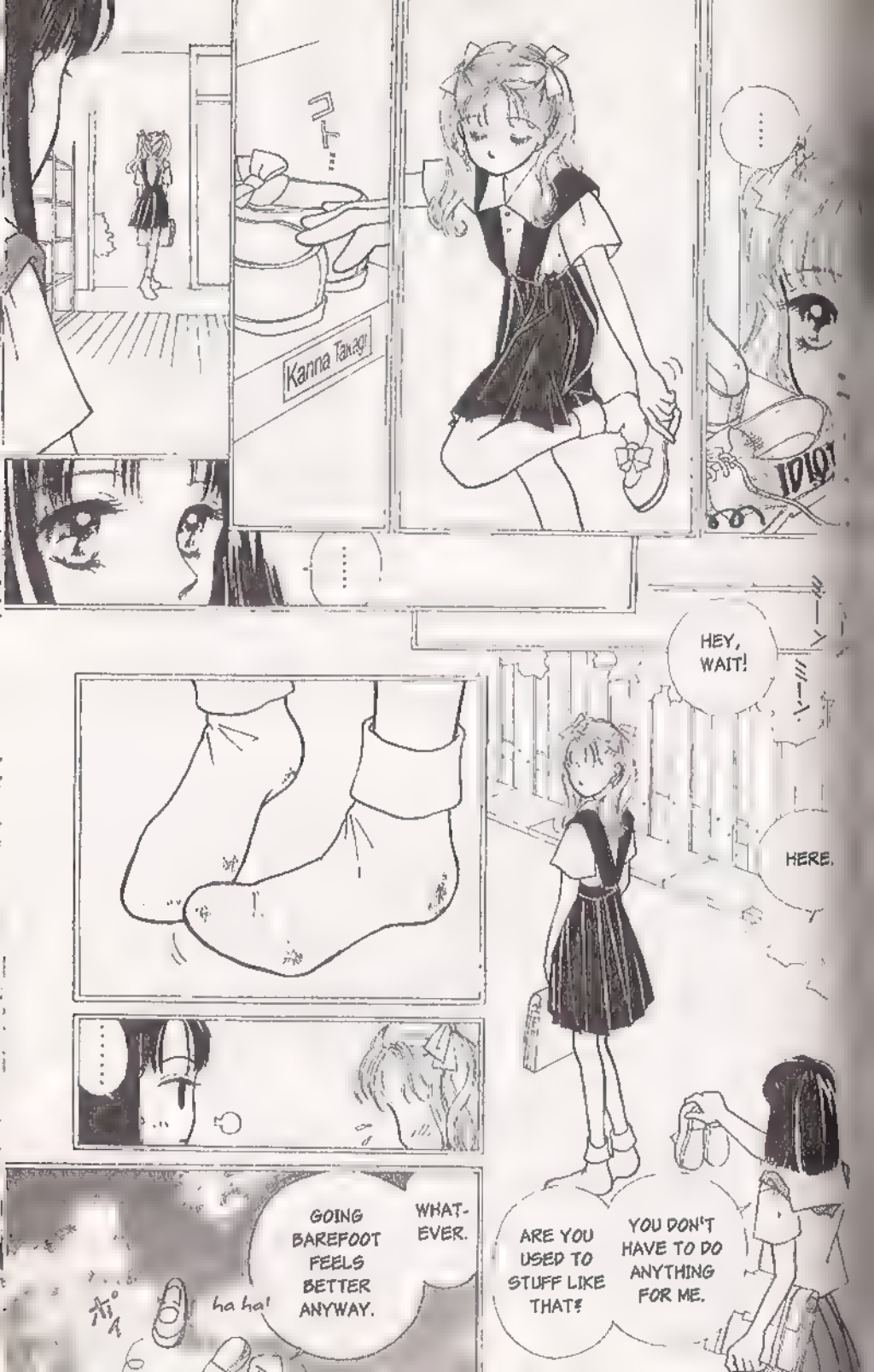
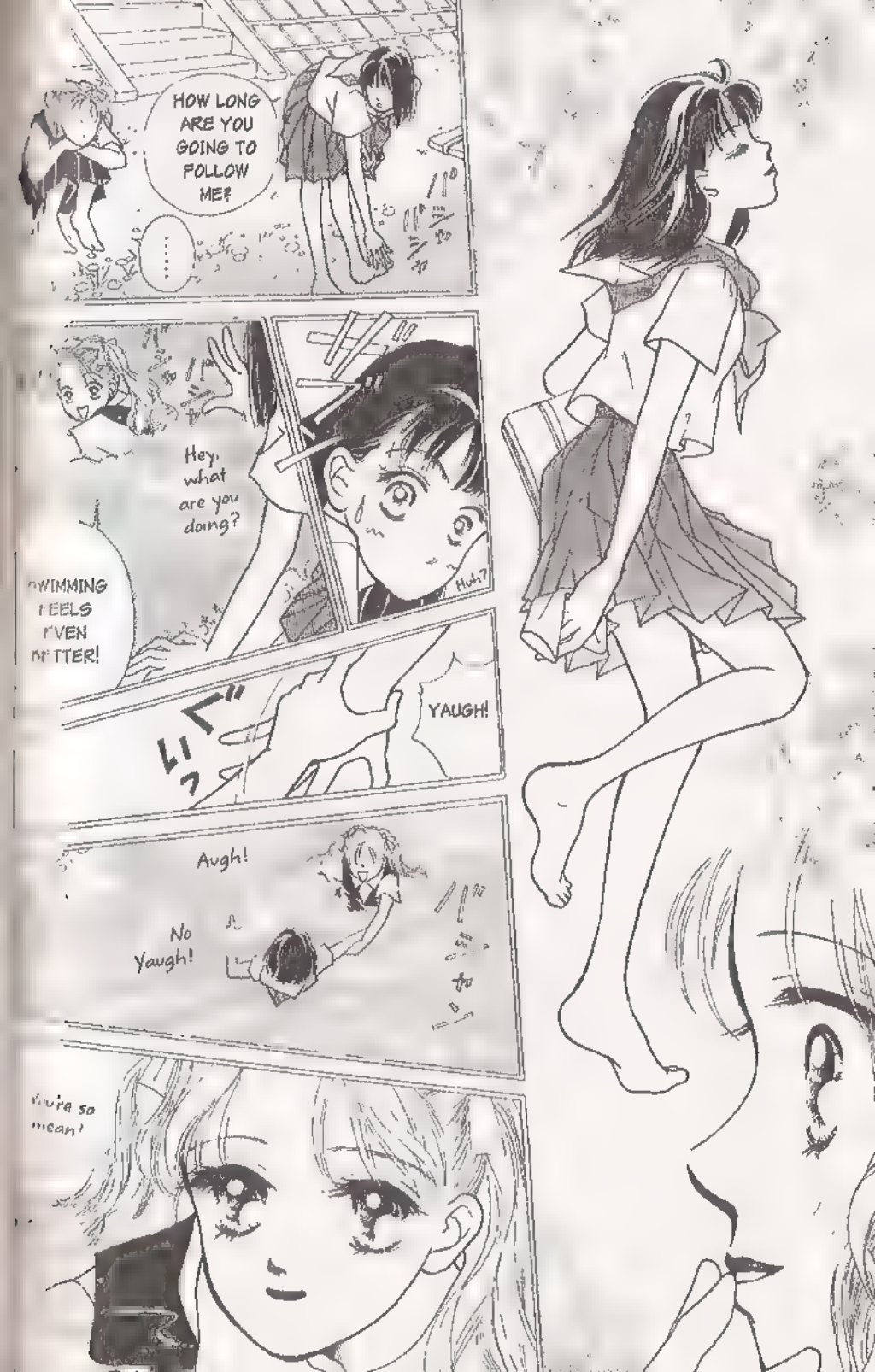
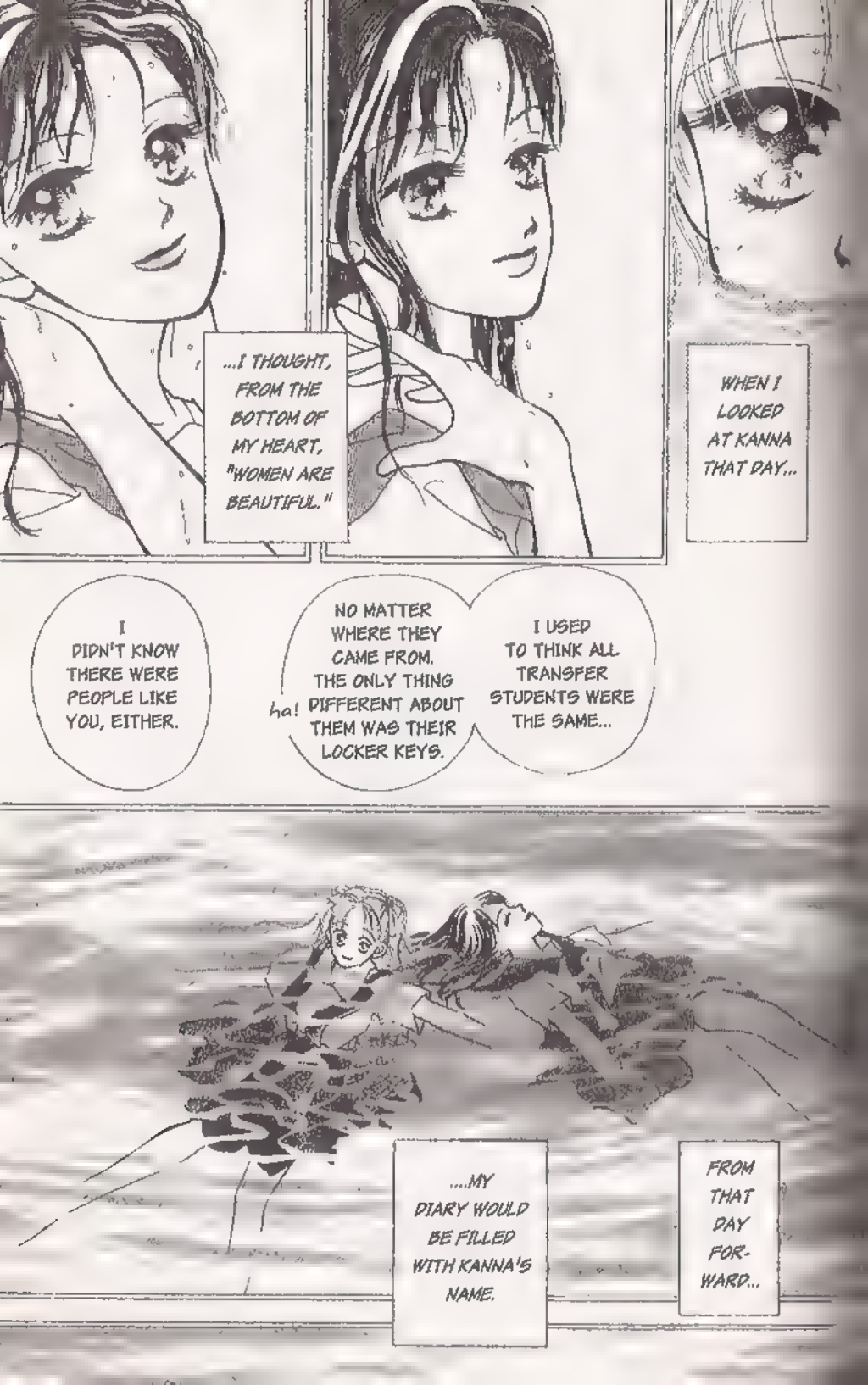

I...
...I LOVE KANNA'S WHITE, GENTLE HANDS.

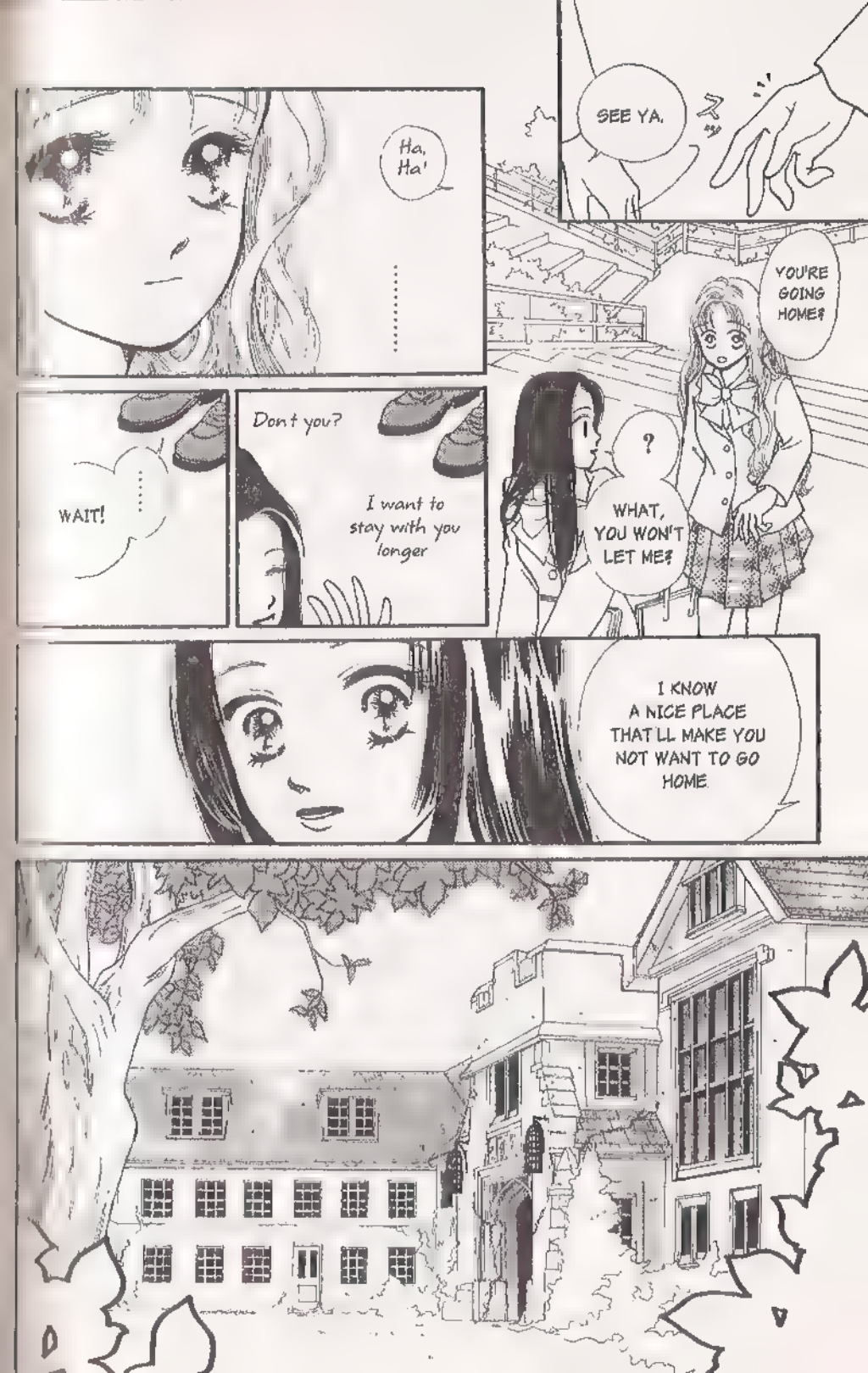

ARE YOU LISTENING, RIRIKO?
AND HER CHEST.
I WANT TO TOUCH HER EYELASHES.
AND HER LIPS.
I WANT TO RUN MY FINGERS THROUGH HER HAIR
WHEN WE TOGETH
HA!
HUH
IT'S SO EMBARRASSING...
I'M ALMOST LIKE A LECHEROUS GUY.
...ABOUT SOMEONE WHO HAS THE SAME KIND OF BODY AS ME.
...THAT I THINK THESE KINDS OF THINGS...
IT'S STRANG ISN'T IT
RIRIKO'S LIKE A PAMPERED LITTLE GIRL.
Heh, heh.
Agh! A puddle
THEY WENT TO THE SAME JUNIOR HIGH, TOO.
THOSE TWO SURE ARE GOOD FRIENDS.
HEY DOO

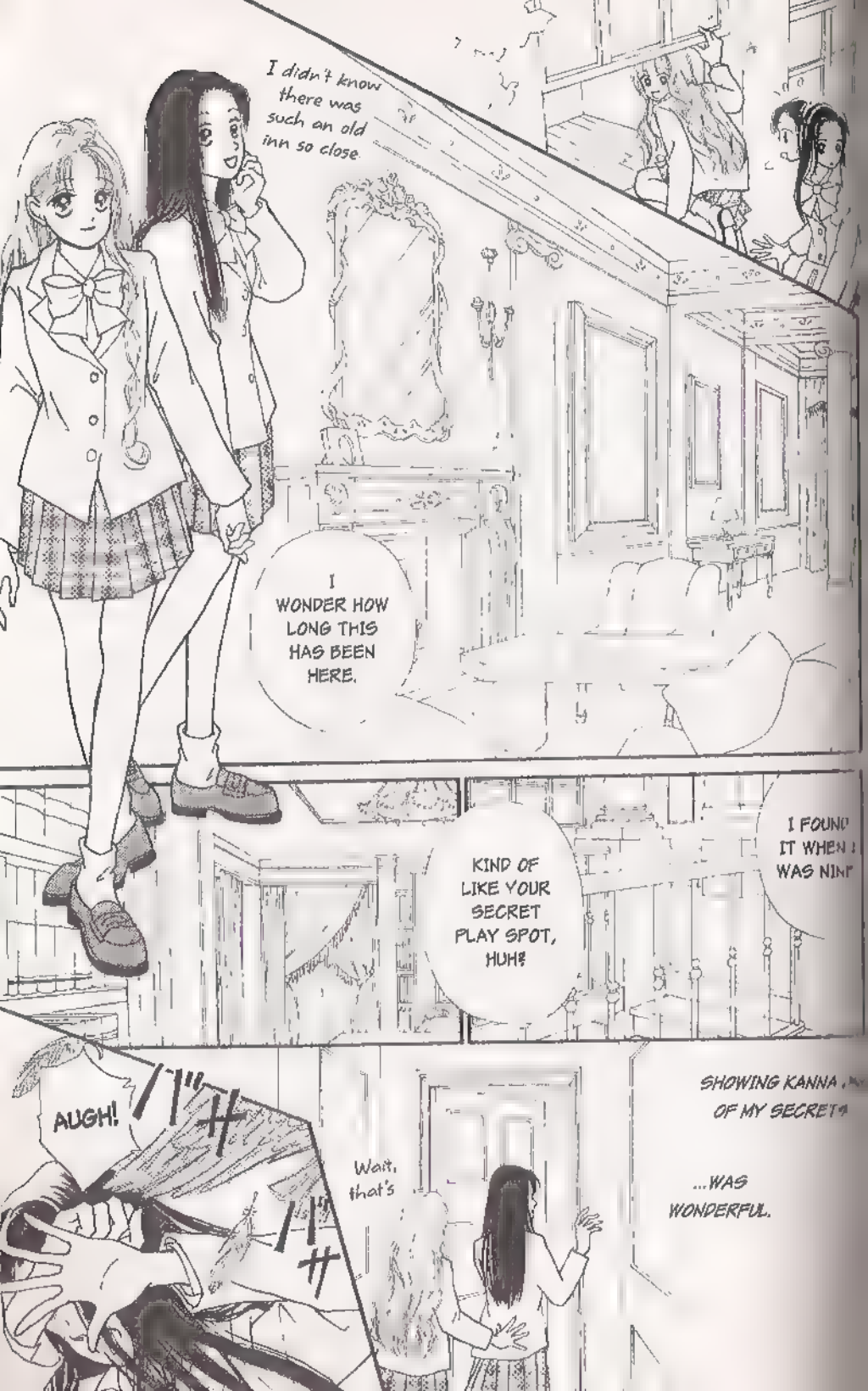

Ha ha!
THEY MUST'VE BEEN LOVERS IN A PAST LIFE.
Ha ha!
THIS IS OUR NEW TRANSFER STUDENT.
EVEN THOUGH WE HAD NEVER MET...
...I JUST FELT LIKE...
Kanna Takagi


Kanna Takagi
IDIOT
HEY, WAIT!
HERE.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING FOR ME.
ARE YOU USED TO STUFF LIKE THAT?
WHATEVER.
GOING BAREFOOT FEELS BETTER ANYWAY.
ha ha!


HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING TO FOLLOW ME?
.....
Hey, what are you doing?
Huh?
SWIMMING FEELS EVEN BETTER!
YAUGH!
Augh!
No Yaugh!
You're so mean!


WHEN I LOOKED AT KANNA THAT DAY...
...I THOUGHT, FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART, "WOMEN ARE BEAUTIFUL."
I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WERE PEOPLE LIKE YOU, EITHER.
ha!
NO MATTER WHERE THEY CAME FROM. THE ONLY THING DIFFERENT ABOUT THEM WAS THEIR LOCKER KEYS.
I USED TO THINK ALL TRANSFER STUDENTS WERE THE SAME...
....MY DIARY WOULD BE FILLED WITH KANNA'S NAME.
FROM THAT DAY FOR-WARD...


SEE YA.
Ha, Ha!
YOU'RE GOING HOME?
?
WHAT, YOU WON'T LET ME?
I KNOW A NICE PLACE THAT'LL MAKE YOU NOT WANT TO GO HOME.
WAIT!
Don't you?
I want to stay with you longer


I didn't know there was such an old inn so close.
I WONDER HOW LONG THIS HAS BEEN HERE.
KIND OF LIKE YOUR SECRET PLAY SPOT, HUH?
I FOUND IT WHEN I WAS NINE
AUGH!
Wait, that's
SHOWING KANNA MY SECRET
...WAS WONDERFUL.

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..SMELLS SO NICE.
AH... KANNA'S HAIR.
OW..
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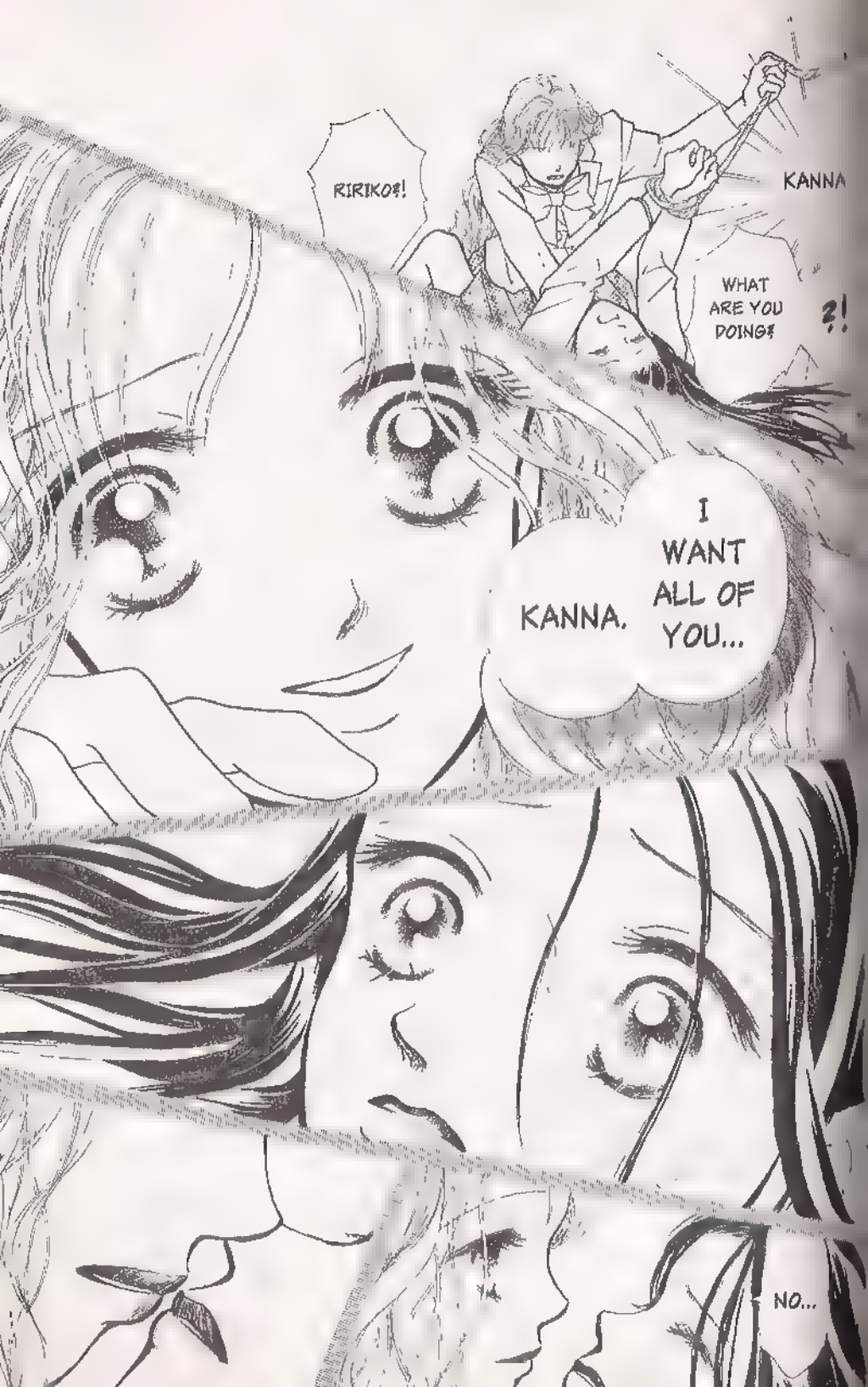
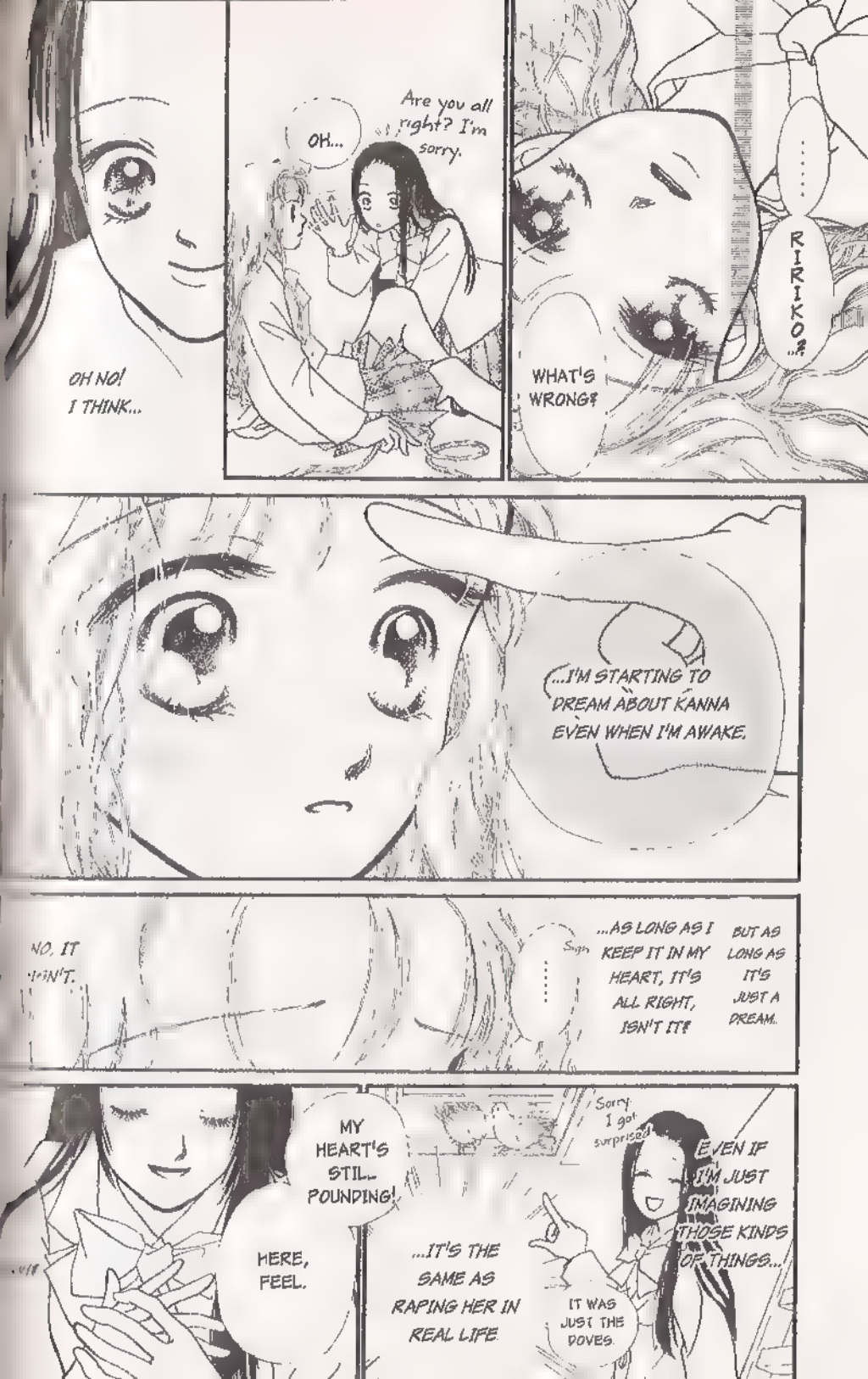
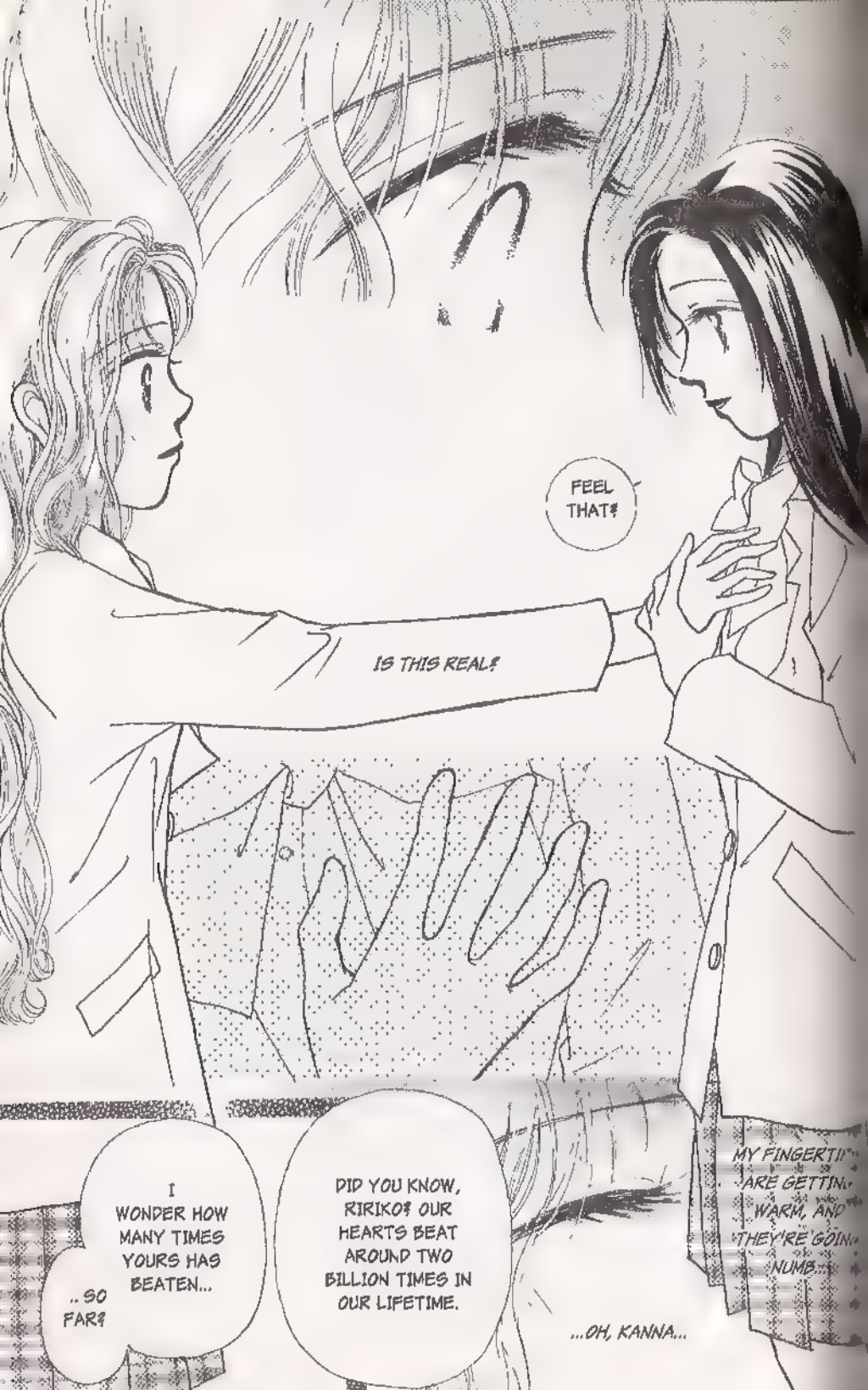
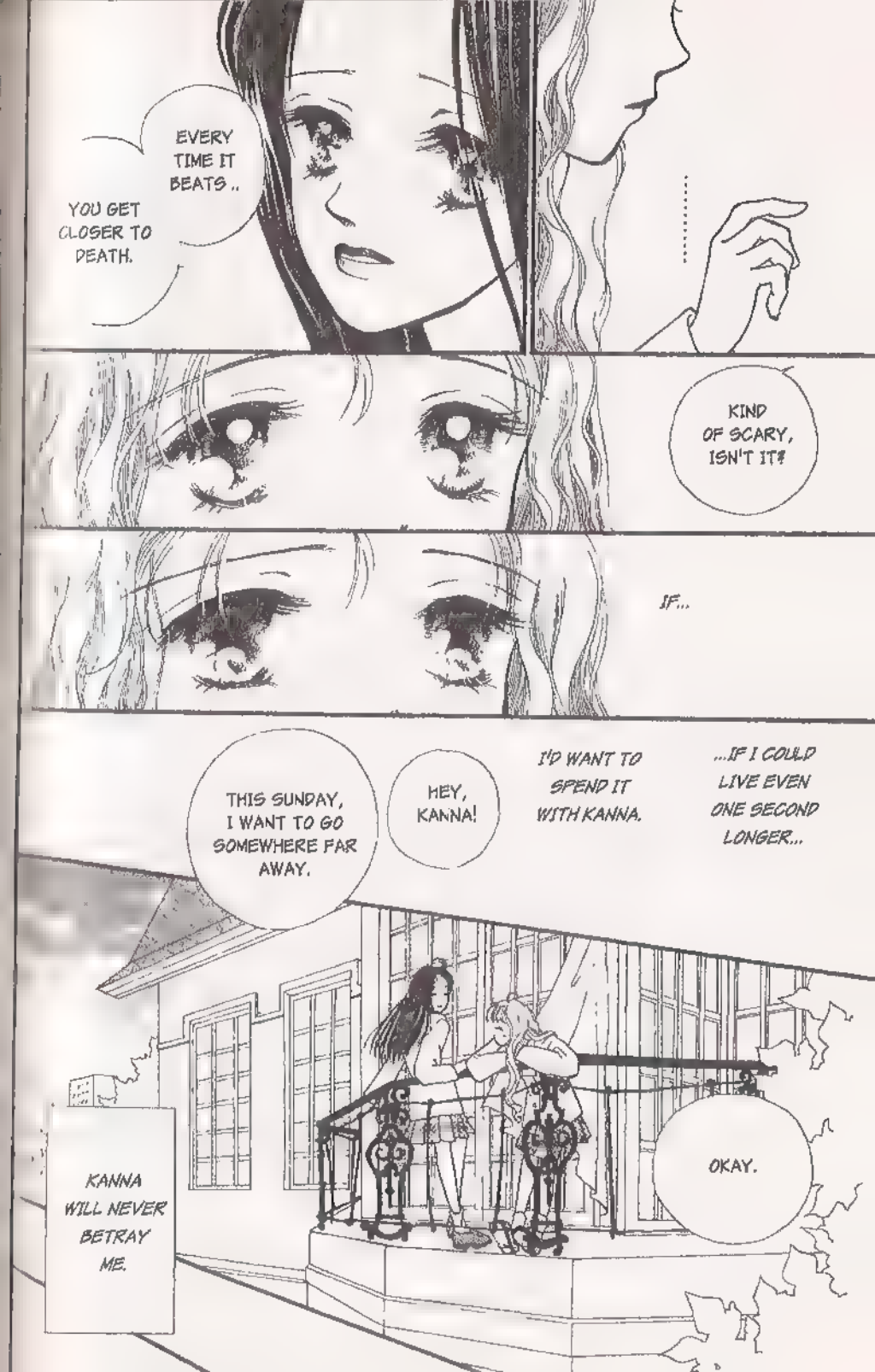
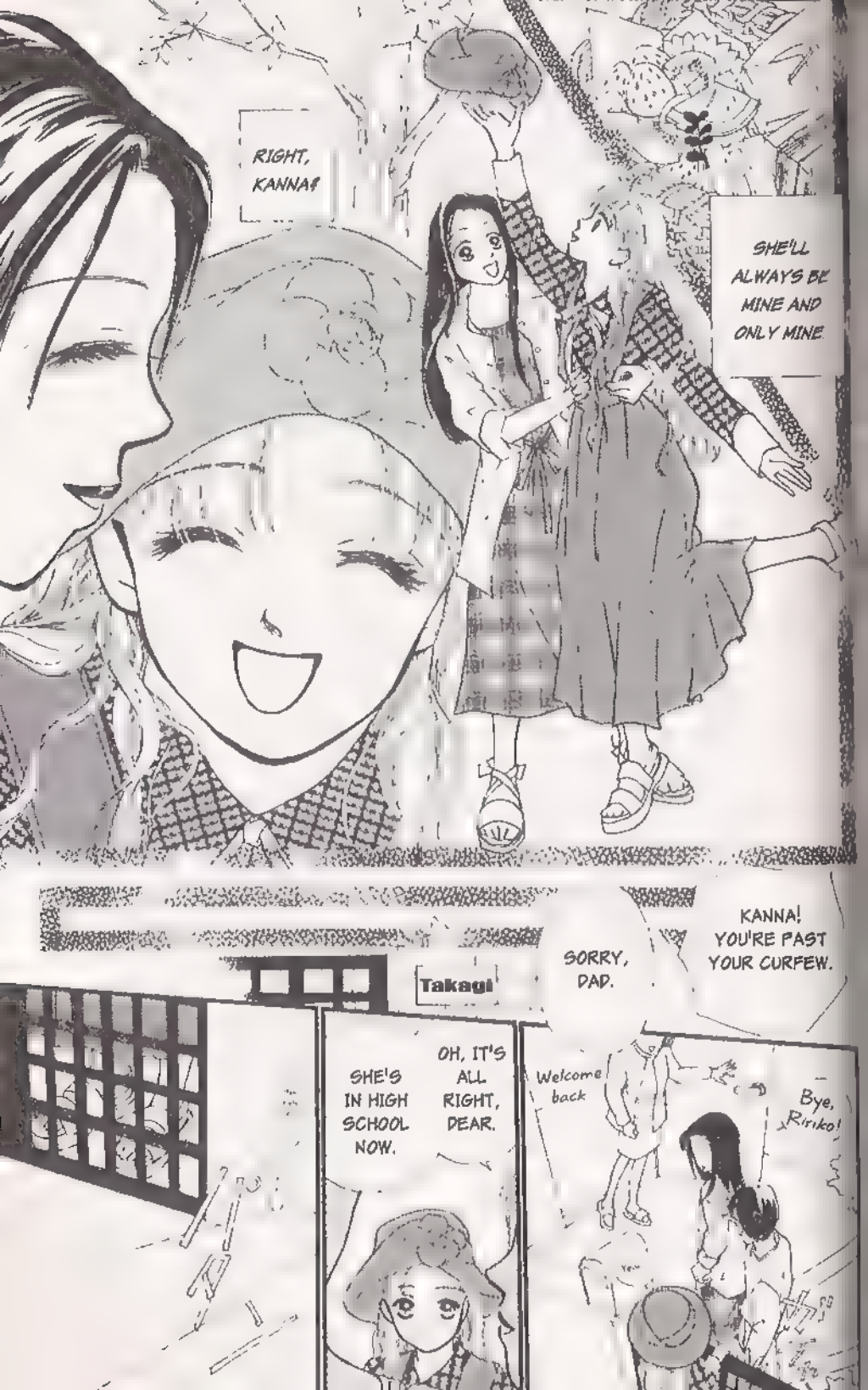
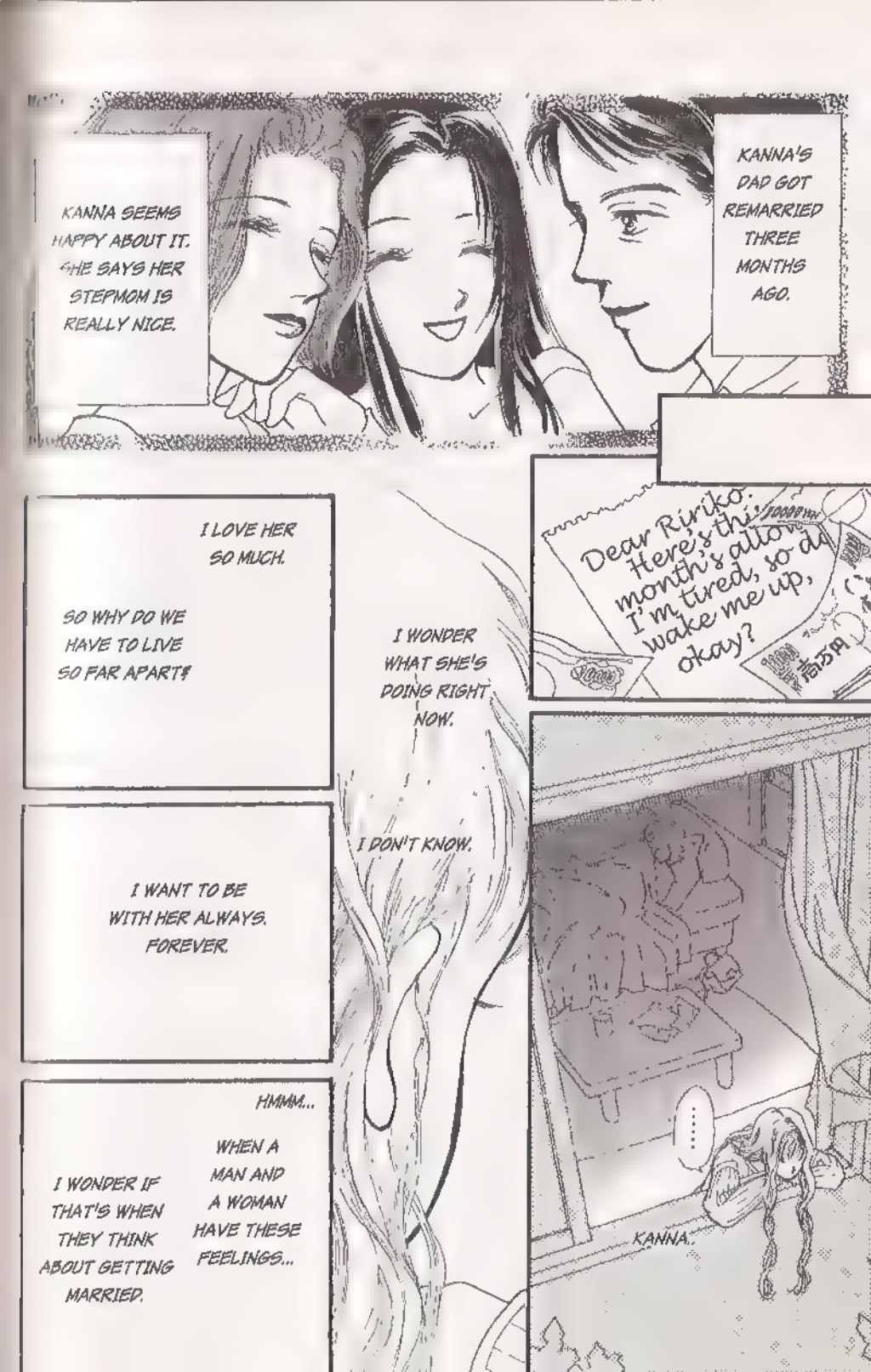

RIRIKO?!
KANNA
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
?!
KANNA.
I WANT ALL OF YOU...
NO...

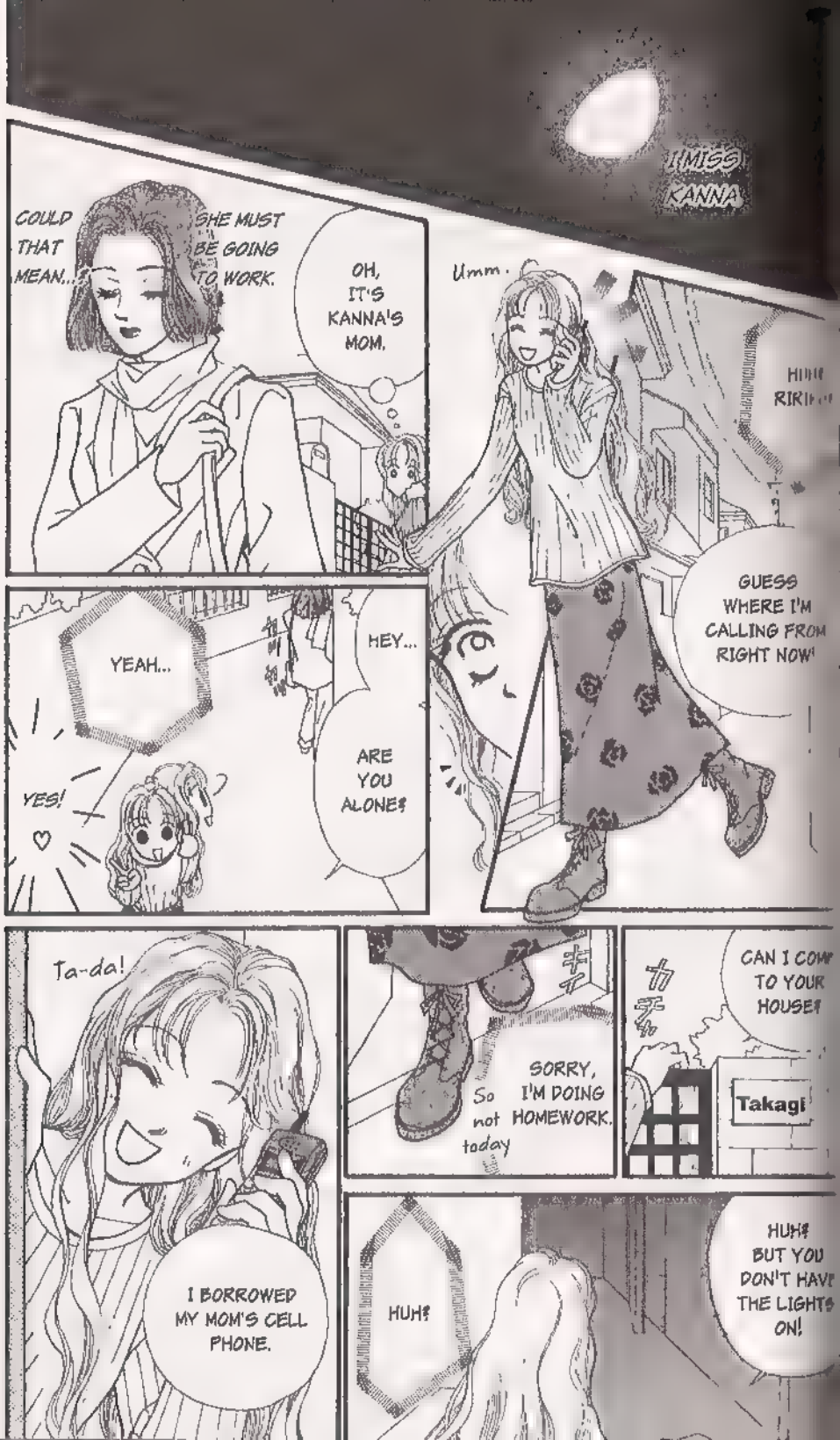

RIRIKO...?
.....
WHAT'S WRONG?
OH...
Are you all right? I'm sorry.
OH NO! I THINK...
...I'M STARTING TO DREAM ABOUT KANNA EVEN WHEN I'M AWAKE.
BUT AS LONG AS IT'S JUST A DREAM.
Sigh
.....
...AS LONG AS I KEEP IT IN MY HEART, IT'S ALL RIGHT, ISN'T IT?
NO, IT ISN'T.
EVEN IF I'M JUST IMAGINING THOSE KINDS OF THINGS...
Sorry. I got surprised.
IT WAS JUST THE DOVES.
...IT'S THE SAME AS RAPING HER IN REAL LIFE
MY HEART'S STILL POUNDING!
HERE, FEEL.

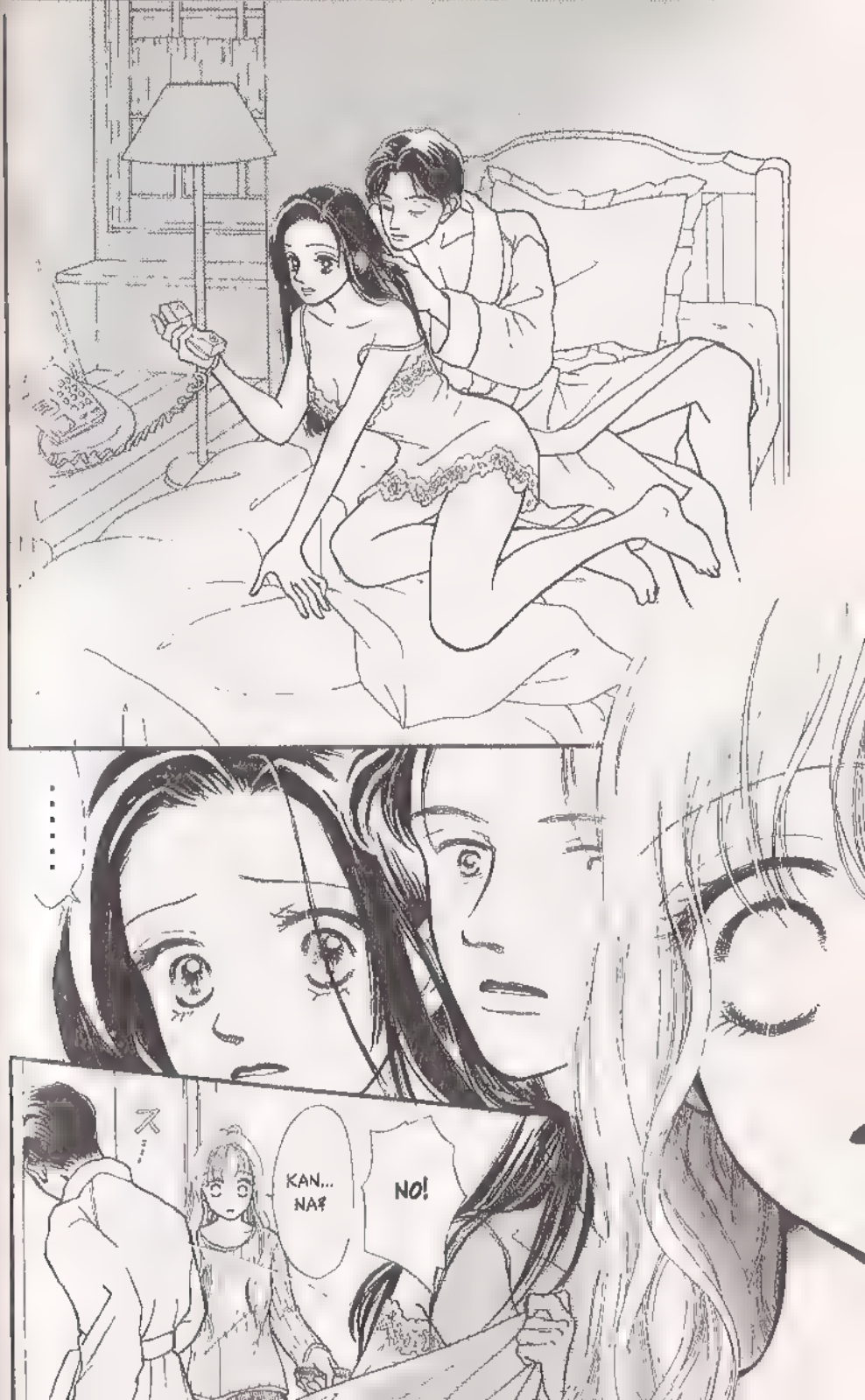

FEEL THAT?
IS THIS REAL?
I WONDER HOW MANY TIMES YOURS HAS BEATEN...
..SO FAR?
DID YOU KNOW, RIRIKO? OUR HEARTS BEAT AROUND TWO BILLION TIMES IN OUR LIFETIME.
MY FINGERTI!! ARE GETTIN WARM, AND THEY'RE GOIN NUMB...
...OH, KANNA...


EVERY TIME IT BEATS ..
YOU GET CLOSER TO DEATH.
KIND OF SCARY, ISN'T IT?
IF...
...IF I COULD LIVE EVEN ONE SECOND LONGER...
I'D WANT TO SPEND IT WITH KANNA.
HEY, KANNA!
THIS SUNDAY, I WANT TO GO SOMEWHERE FAR AWAY.
OKAY.
KANNA WILL NEVER BETRAY ME.


RIGHT, KANNA?
SHE'LL ALWAYS BE MINE AND ONLY MINE.
KANNA! YOU'RE PAST YOUR CURFEW.
SORRY, DAD.
Takagi
SHE'S IN HIGH SCHOOL NOW.
OH, IT'S ALL RIGHT, DEAR.
Welcome back
Bye, Ririko!


KANNA SEEMS HAPPY ABOUT IT. SHE SAYS HER STEPMOM IS REALLY NICE.
KANNA'S DAD GOT REMARRIED THREE MONTHS AGO.
Dear Ririko. Here's this month's allow
I'm tired, so d
wake me up, okay?
I LOVE HER SO MUCH.
SO WHY DO WE HAVE TO LIVE SO FAR APART?
I WONDER WHAT SHE'S DOING RIGHT NOW.
I DON'T KNOW.
I WANT TO BE WITH HER ALWAYS. FOREVER.
HMMM...
I WONDER IF THAT'S WHEN THEY THINK ABOUT GETTING MARRIED.
WHEN A MAN AND A WOMAN HAVE THESE FEELINGS...
KANNA.


I MISS KANNA
COULD THAT MEAN...?
SHE MUST BE GOING TO WORK.
OH, IT'S KANNA'S MOM.
Umm.
HIHI RIRI
GUESS WHERE I'M CALLING FROM RIGHT NOW!
YEAH...
HEY...
ARE YOU ALONE?
YES!
Ta-da!
I BORROWED MY MOM'S CELL PHONE.
SORRY, I'M DOING HOMEWORK.
So not today
CAN I COME TO YOUR HOUSE?
Takagi
HUH?
HUH? BUT YOU DON'T HAVE THE LIGHTS ON!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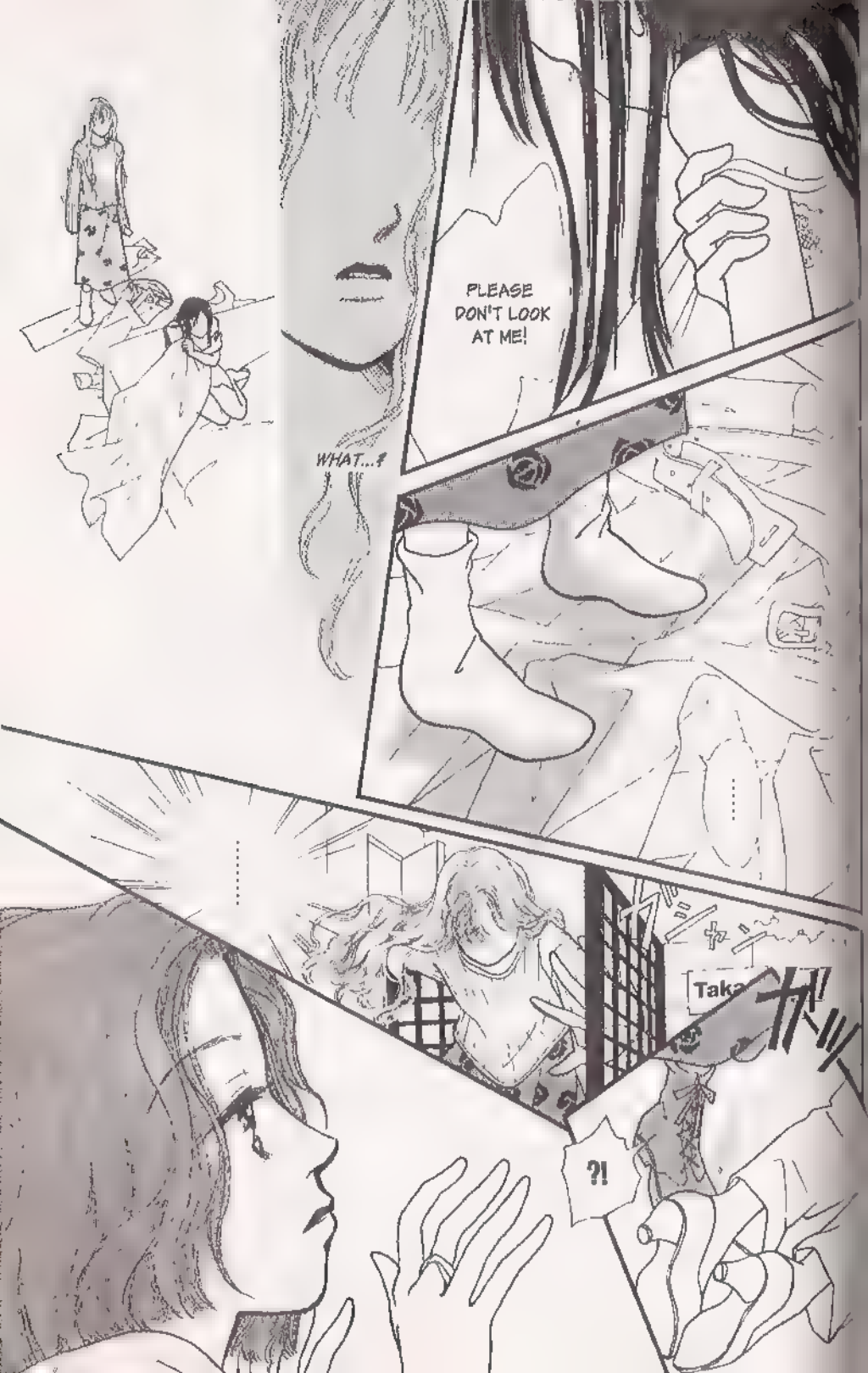
KAN...
NA?
NO!


PLEASE DON'T LOOK AT ME!
WHAT...?
Taka
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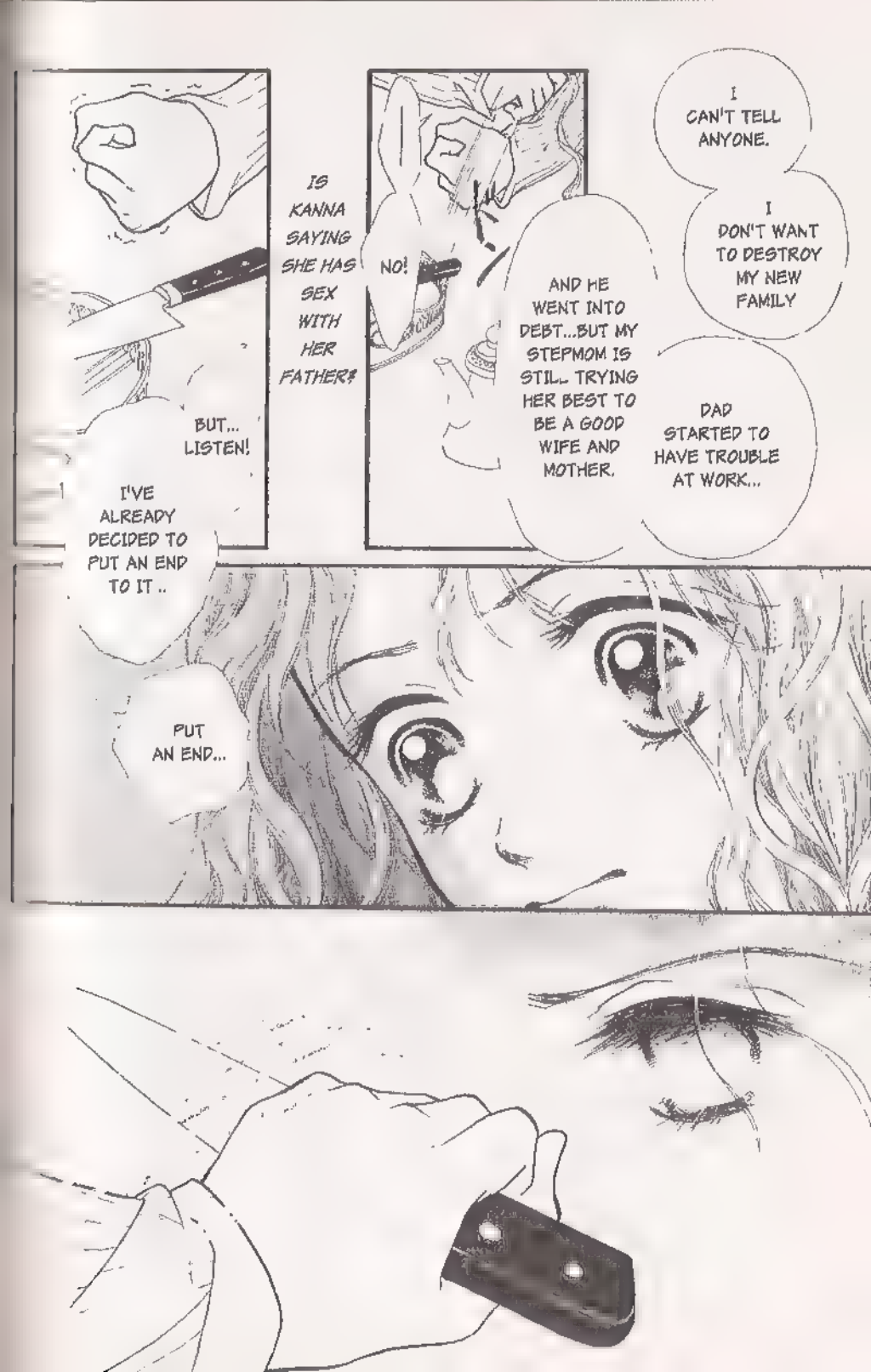
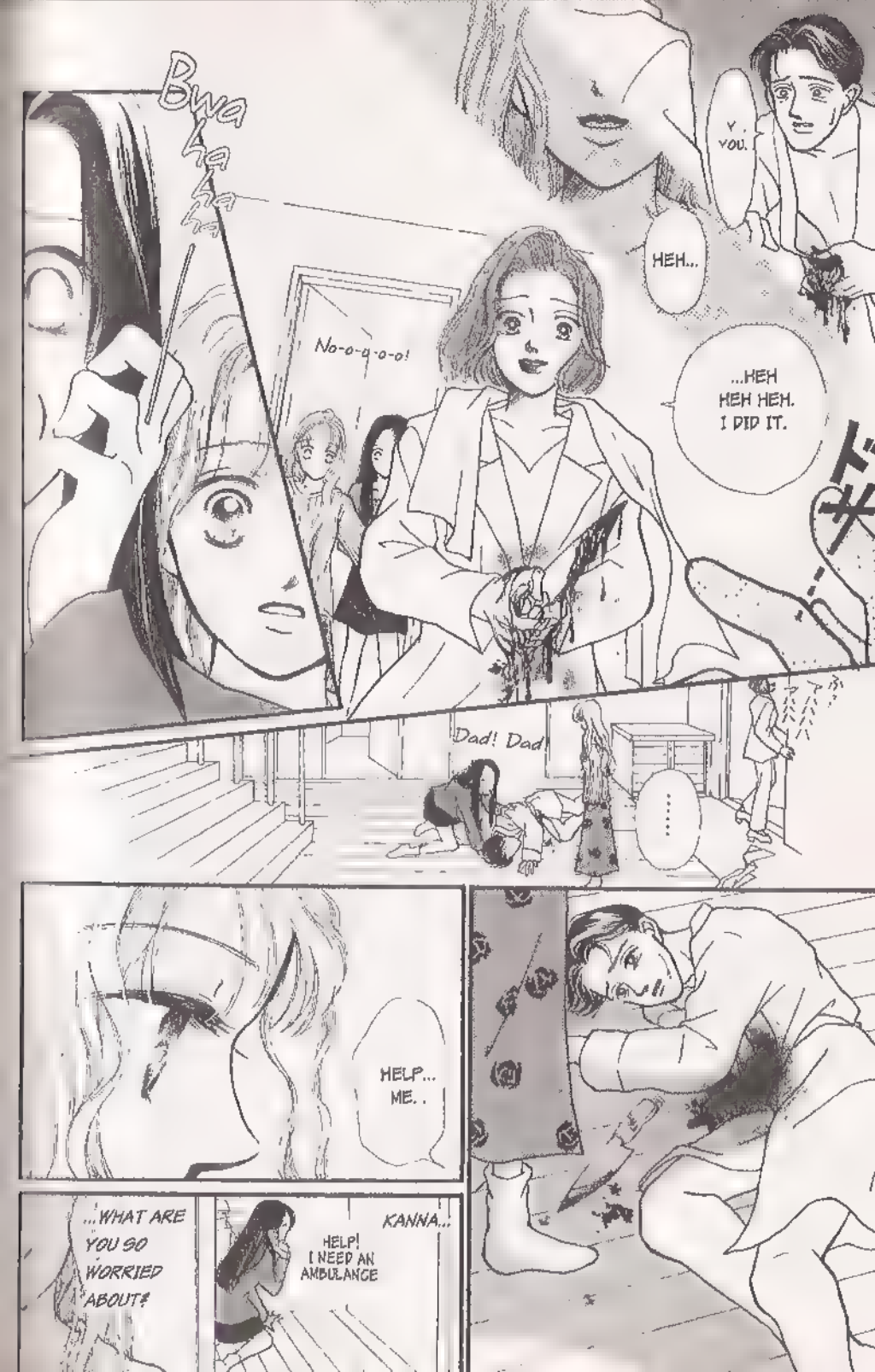

I CAN'T TELL ANYONE.
I DON'T WANT TO DESTROY MY NEW FAMILY
DAD STARTED TO HAVE TROUBLE AT WORK...
AND HE WENT INTO DEBT...BUT MY STEPMOM IS STILL TRYING HER BEST TO BE A GOOD WIFE AND MOTHER.
NO!
IS KANNA SAYING SHE HAS SEX WITH HER FATHER?
BUT... LISTEN!
I'VE ALREADY DECIDED TO PUT AN END TO IT ..
PUT AN END...

...AS LONG AS THAT MAN IS ALIVE, KANNA WILL NEVER BE MINE!
RIRIKO?!
"AS LONG AS"


Bwa ha ha ha
No-o-o-o-o!
Dad! Dad!
Y. you.
HEH...
...HEH HEH HEH. I DID IT.
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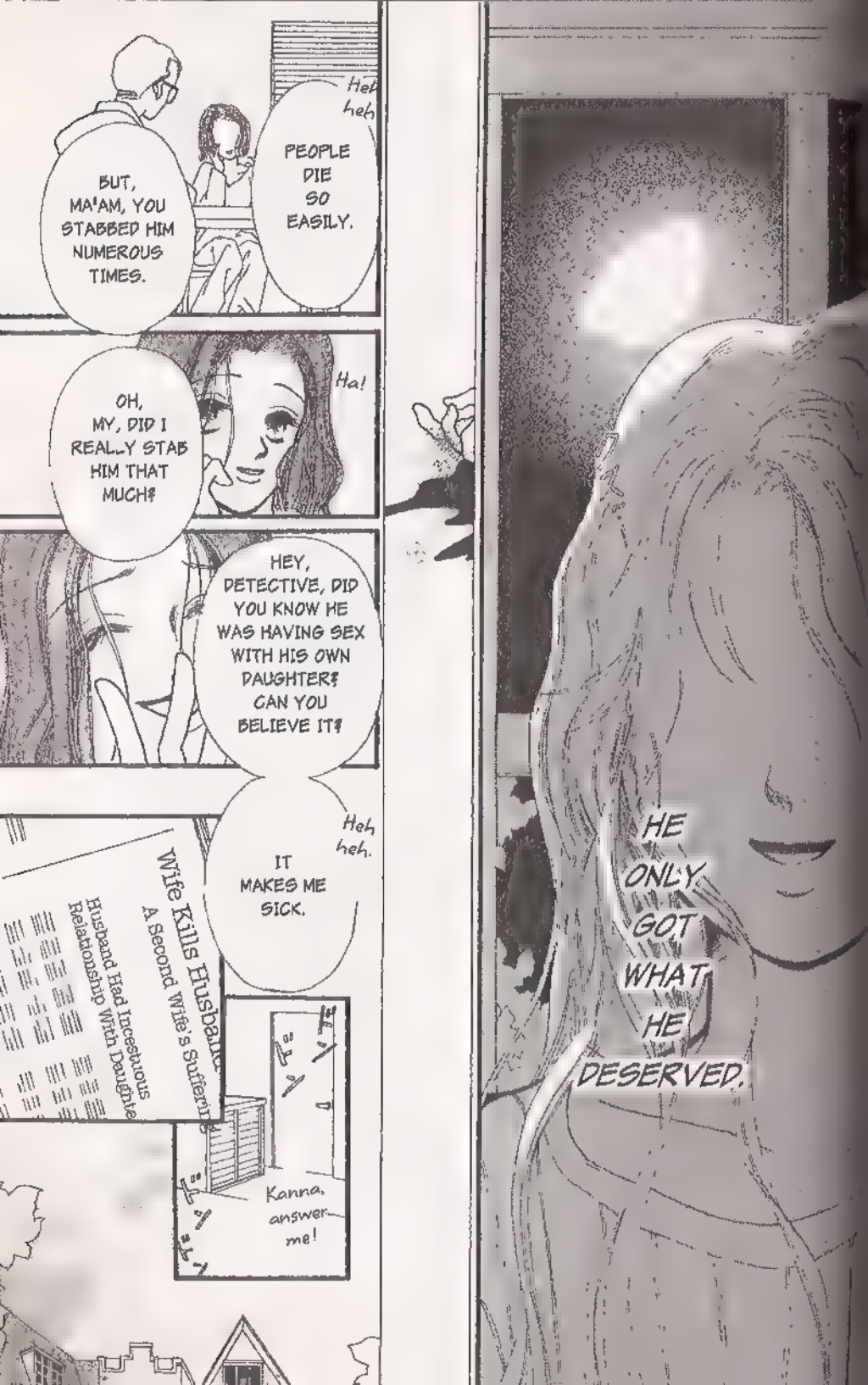
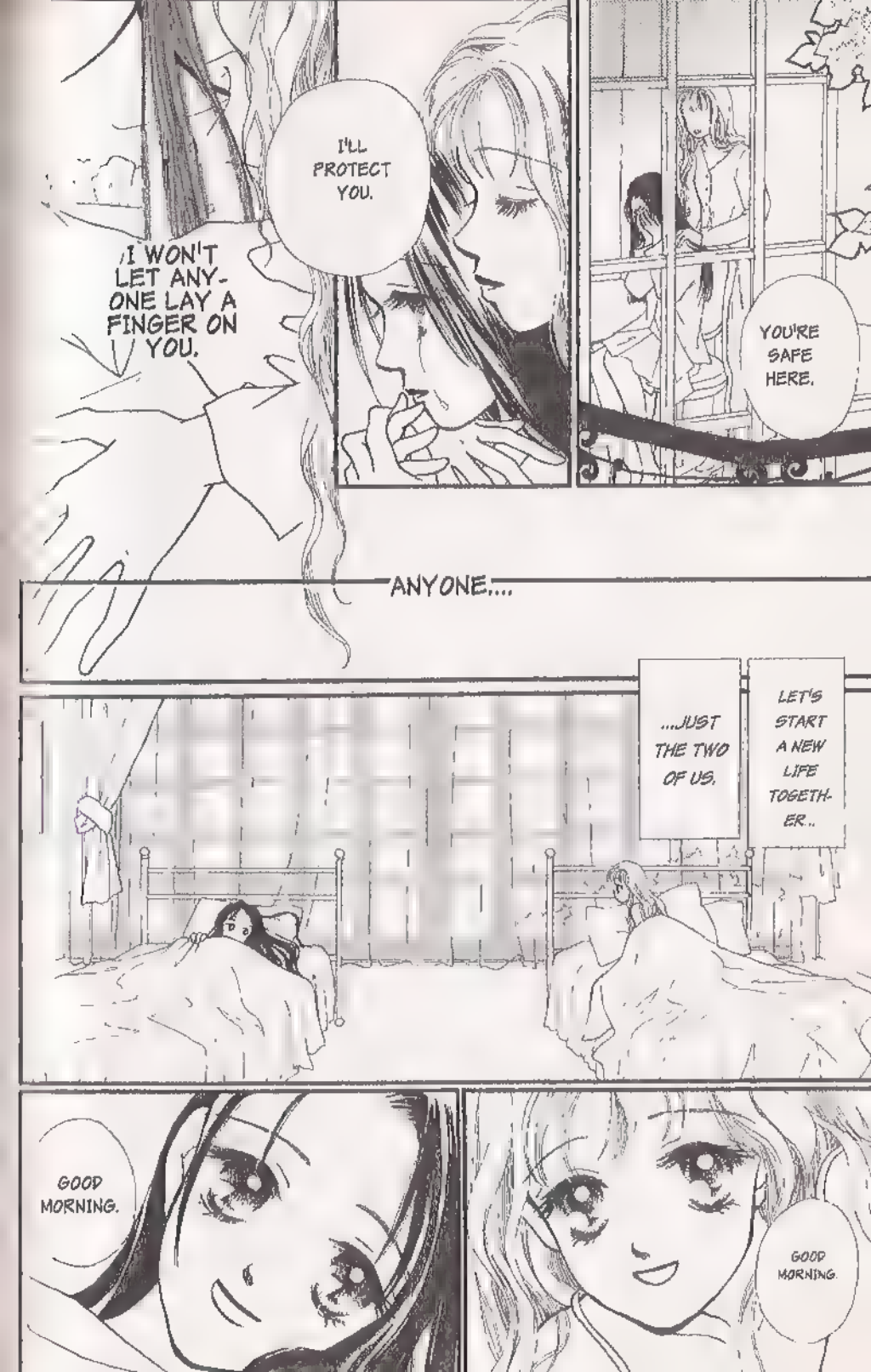
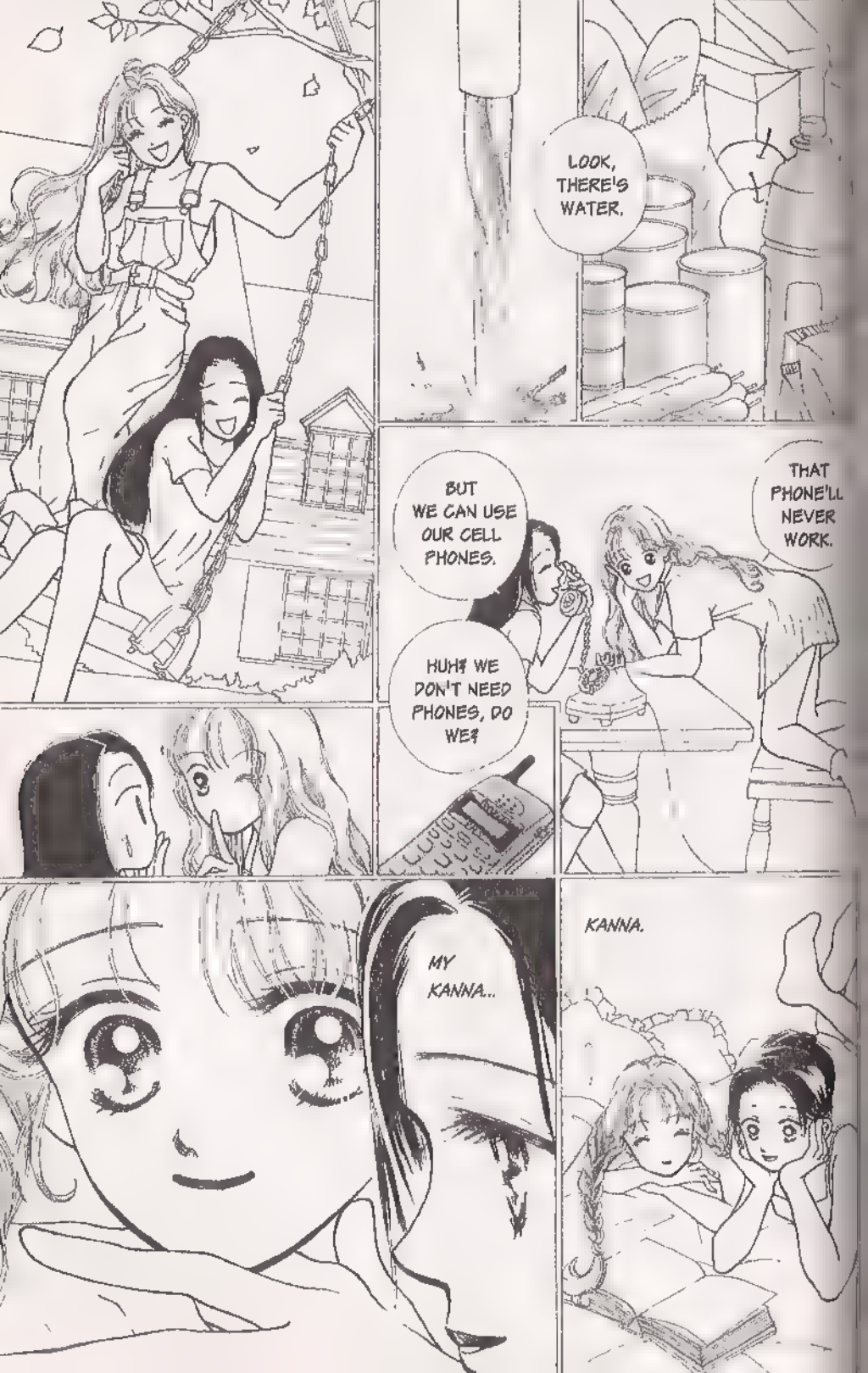
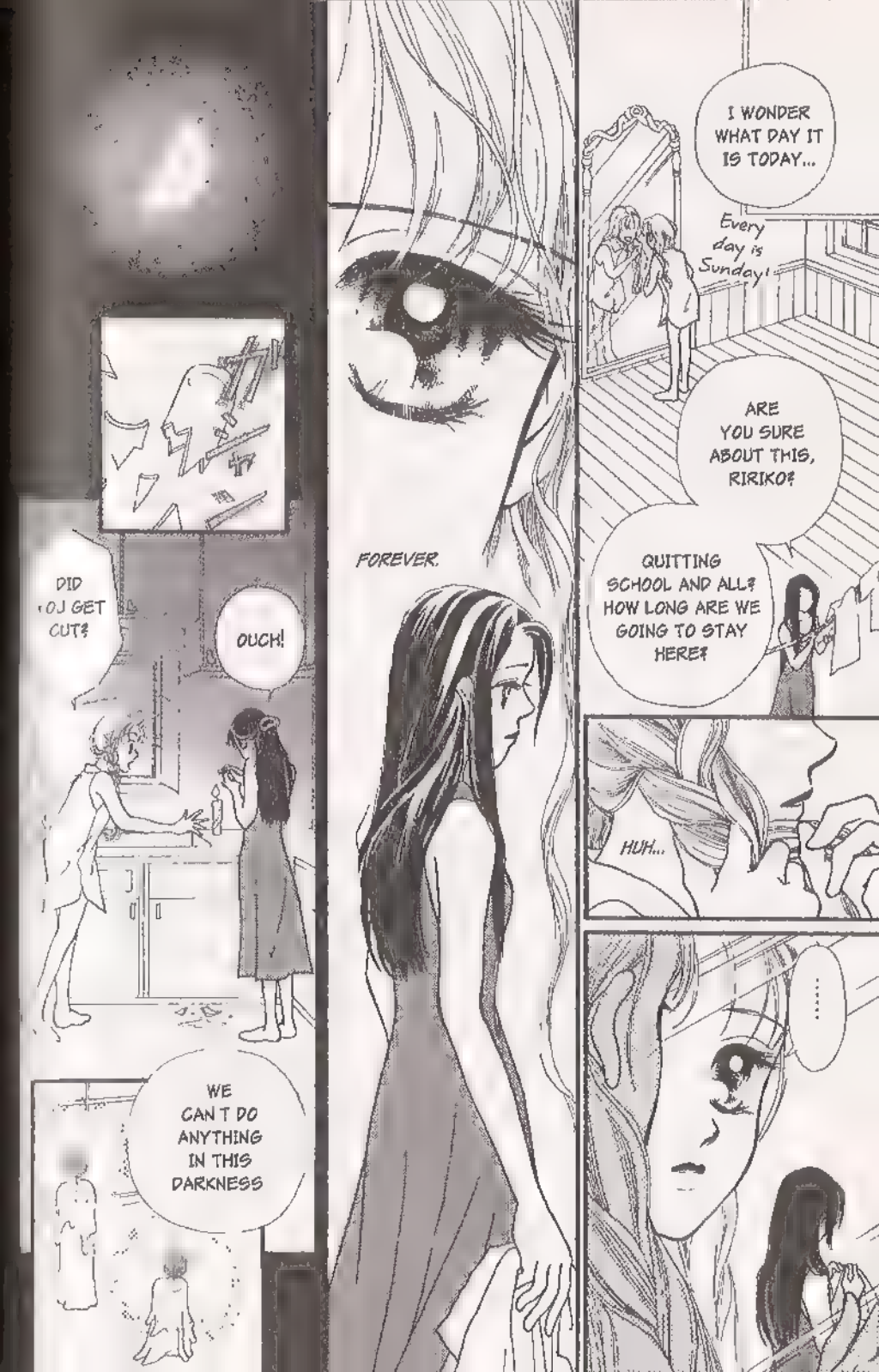
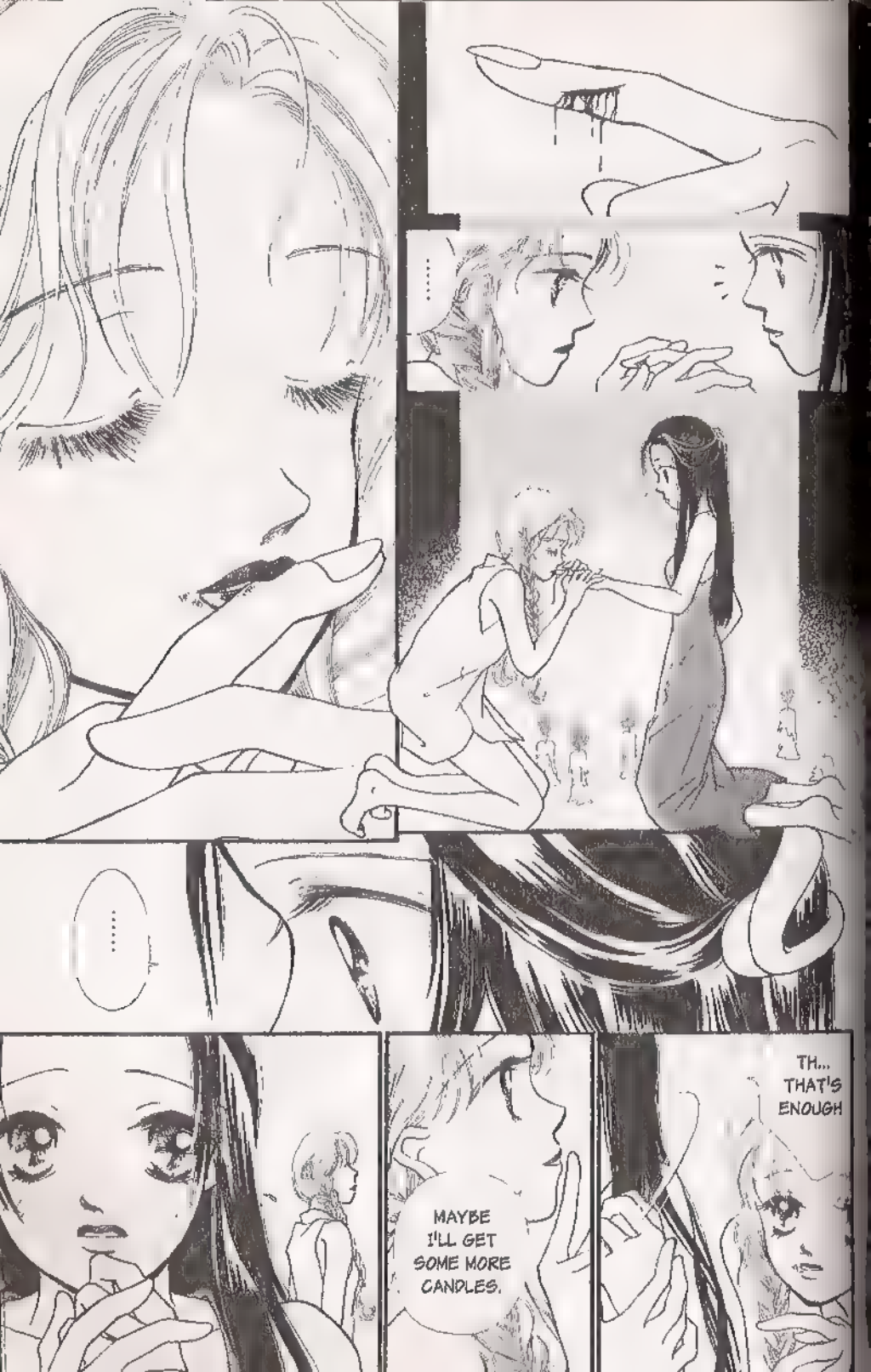
HELP... ME..
...WHAT ARE YOU SO WORRIED ABOUT?
HELP! I NEED AN AMBULANCE
KANNA...


HE ONLY GOT WHAT HE DESERVED.
Heh heh
PEOPLE DIE SO EASILY.
BUT, MA'AM, YOU STABBED HIM NUMEROUS TIMES.
Ha!
OH, MY, DID I REALLY STAB HIM THAT MUCH?
HEY, DETECTIVE, DID YOU KNOW HE WAS HAVING SEX WITH HIS OWN DAUGHTER? CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?
Heh, heh.
IT MAKES ME SICK.
Wife Kills Husband
A Second Wife's Suffering
Husband Had Incestuous Relationship With Daughter
Kanna, answer me!


I'LL PROTECT YOU.
I WON'T LET ANY-ONE LAY A FINGER ON YOU.
YOU'RE SAFE HERE.
ANYONE....
...JUST THE TWO OF US.
LET'S START A NEW LIFE TOGETH-ER..
GOOD MORNING.
GOOD MORNING.


LOOK, THERE'S WATER.
THAT PHONE'LL NEVER WORK.
BUT WE CAN USE OUR CELL PHONES.
HUH? WE DON'T NEED PHONES, DO WE?
KANNA.
MY KANNA...


I WONDER WHAT DAY IT IS TODAY...
Every day is Sunday!
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, RIRIKO?
QUITTING SCHOOL AND ALL? HOW LONG ARE WE GOING TO STAY HERE?
HUH...
.....
FOREVER.
DID YOJ GET CUT?
OUCH!
WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING IN THIS DARKNESS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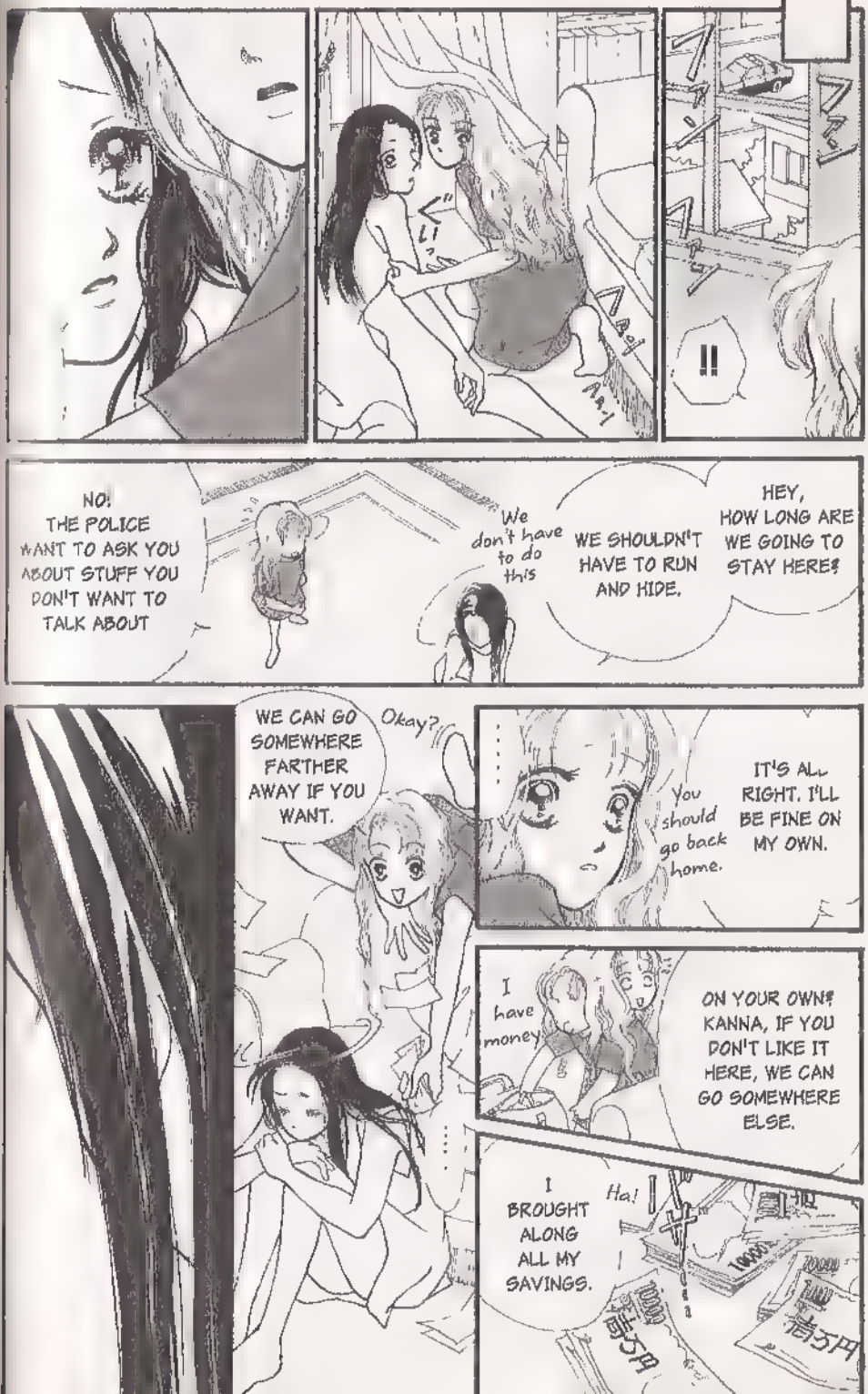
TH... THAT'S ENOUGH
MAYBE I'LL GET SOME MORE CANDLES.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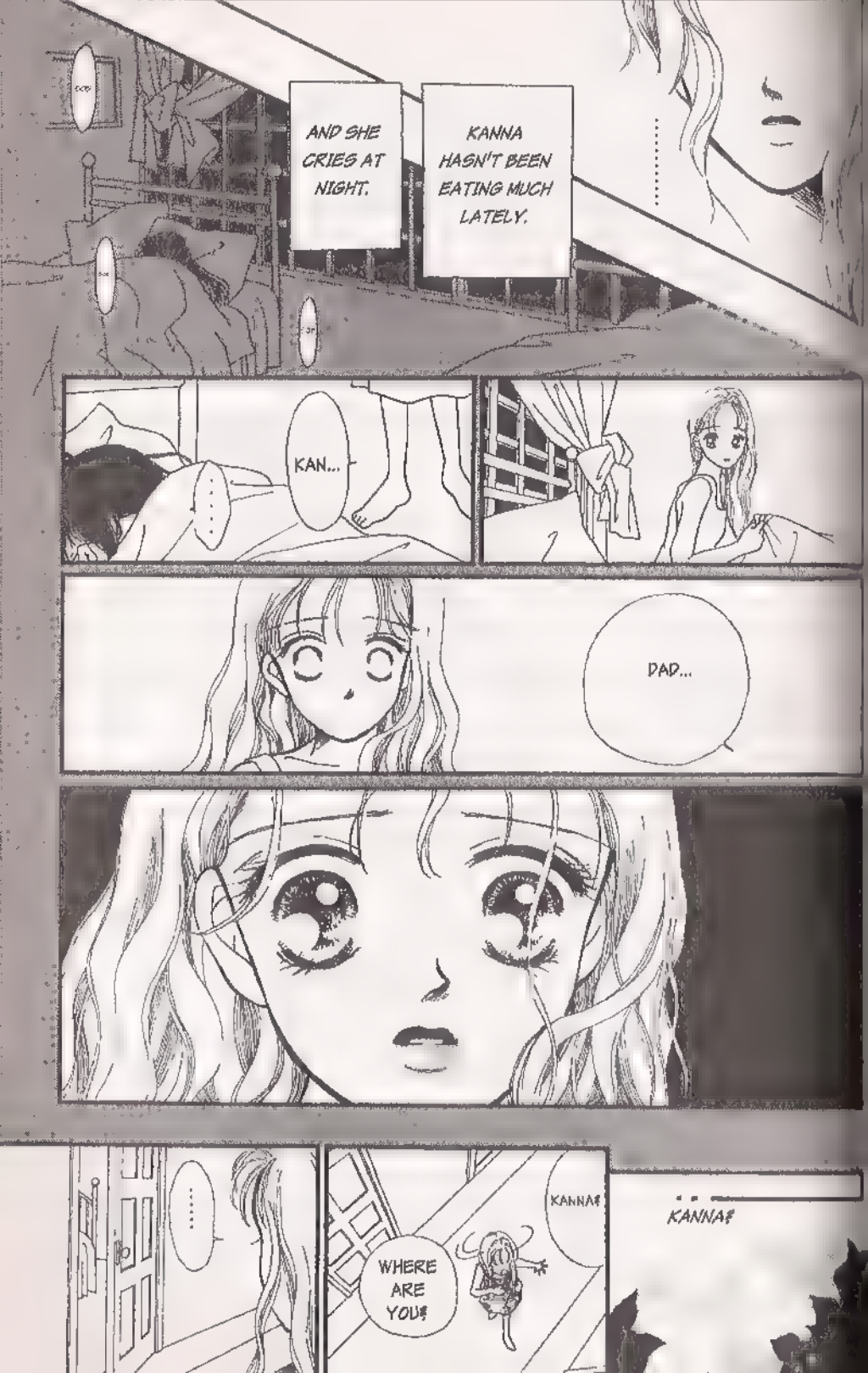
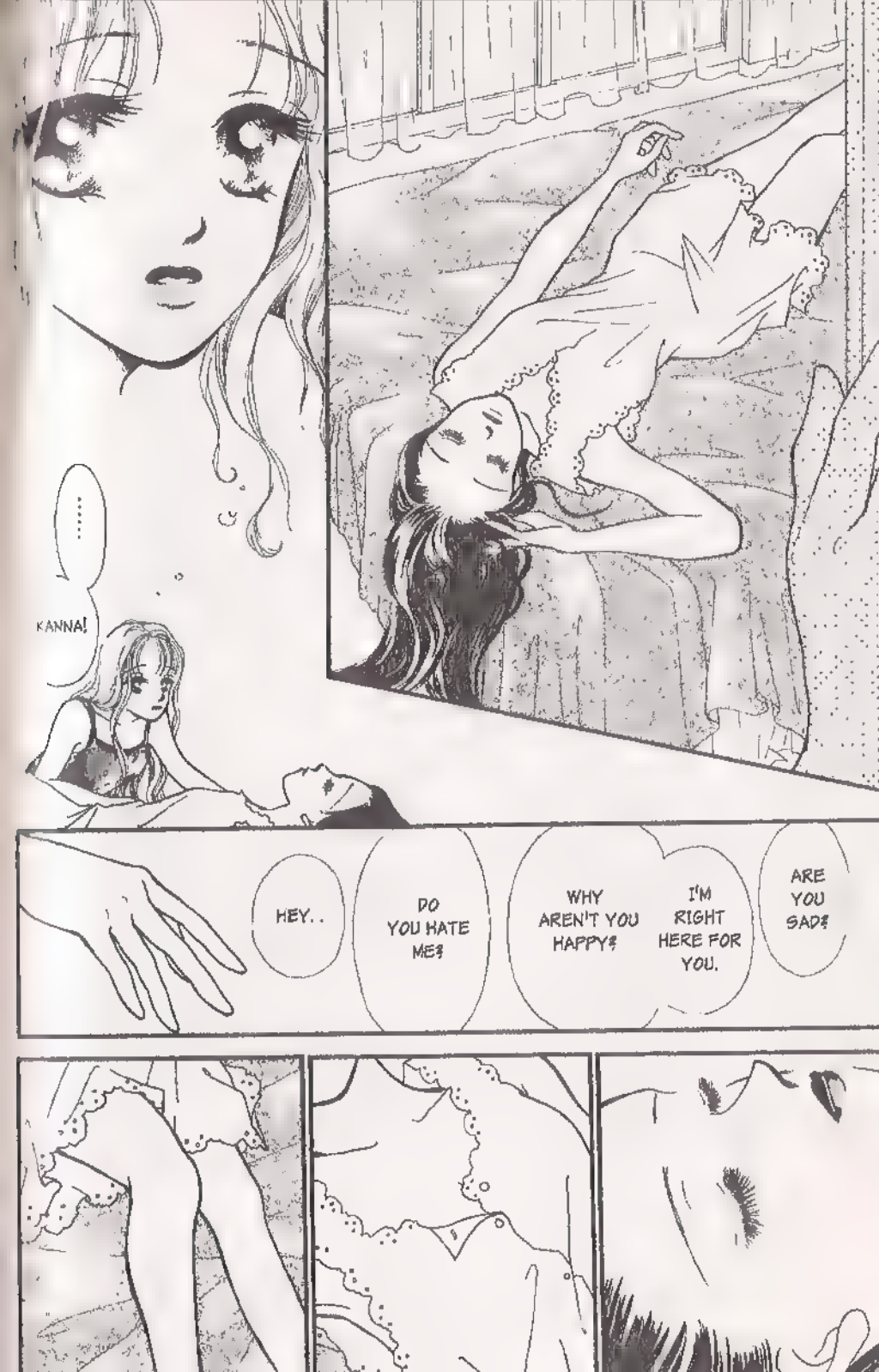
NO! THE POLICE WANT TO ASK YOU ABOUT STUFF YOU DON'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT
We don't have to do this
WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO RUN AND HIDE.
HEY, HOW LONG ARE WE GOING TO STAY HERE?
WE CAN GO SOMEWHERE FARTHER AWAY IF YOU WANT.
Okay?
You should go back home.
IT'S ALL RIGHT. I'LL BE FINE ON MY OWN.
I have money.
ON YOUR OWN? KANNA, IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT HERE, WE CAN GO SOMEWHERE ELSE.
I BROUGHT ALONG ALL MY SAVINGS.
Ha!


AND SHE CRIES AT NIGHT.
KANNA HASN'T BEEN EATING MUCH LATELY.
KAN...
DAD...
KANNA!
WHERE ARE YOU?
KANNA!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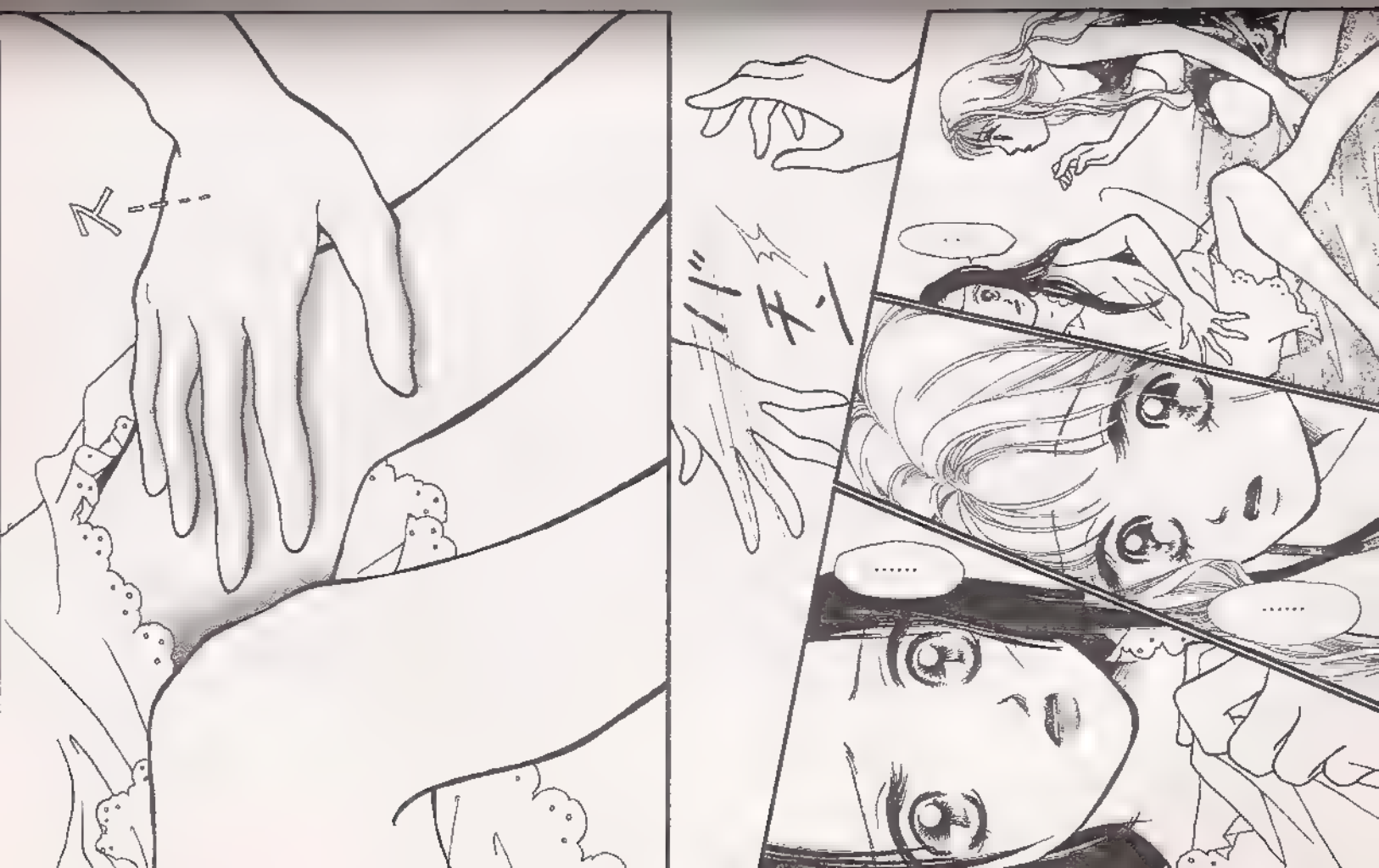
KANNA!
HEY..
DO YOU HATE ME?
WHY AREN'T YOU HAPPY?
I'M RIGHT HERE FOR YOU.
ARE YOU SAD?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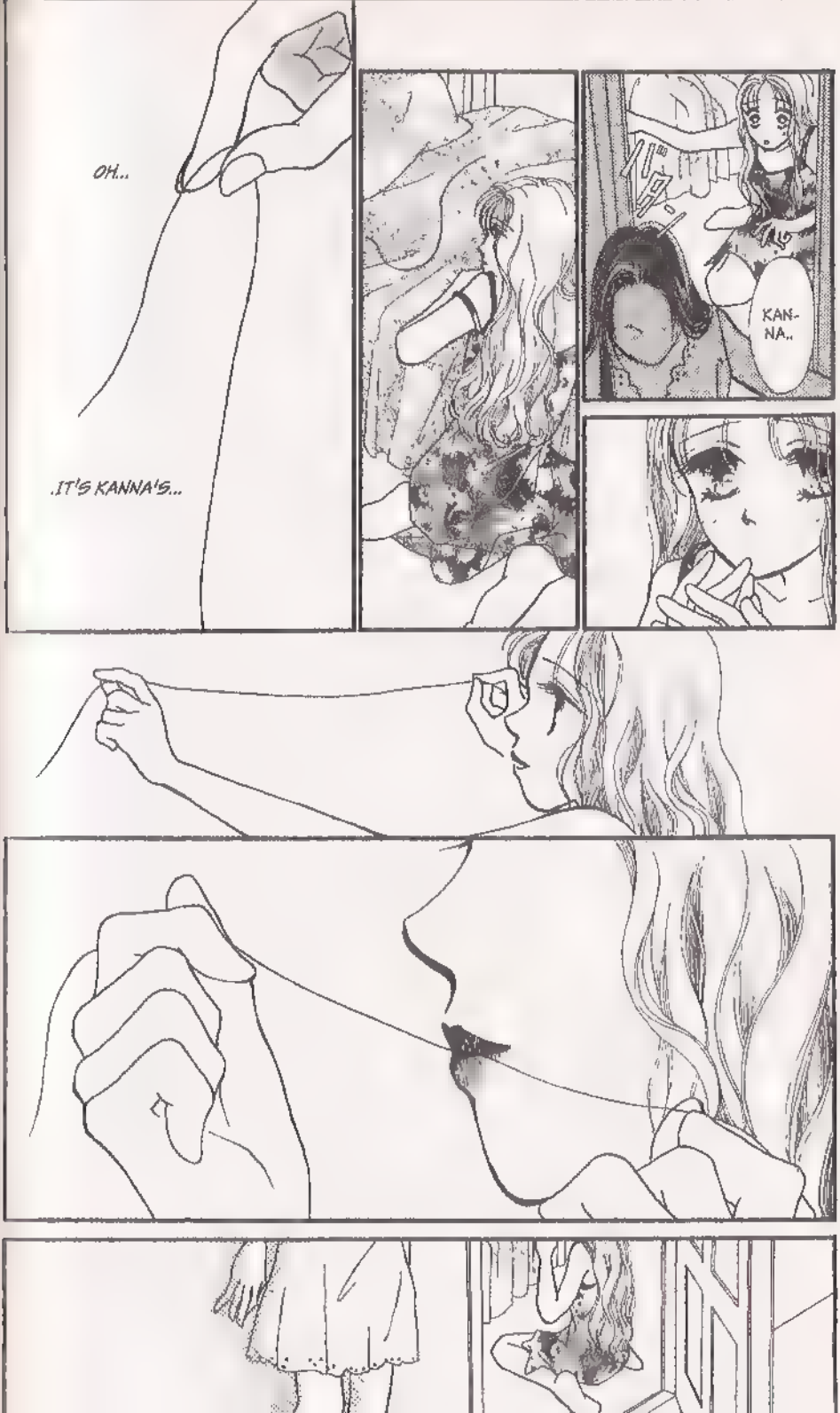
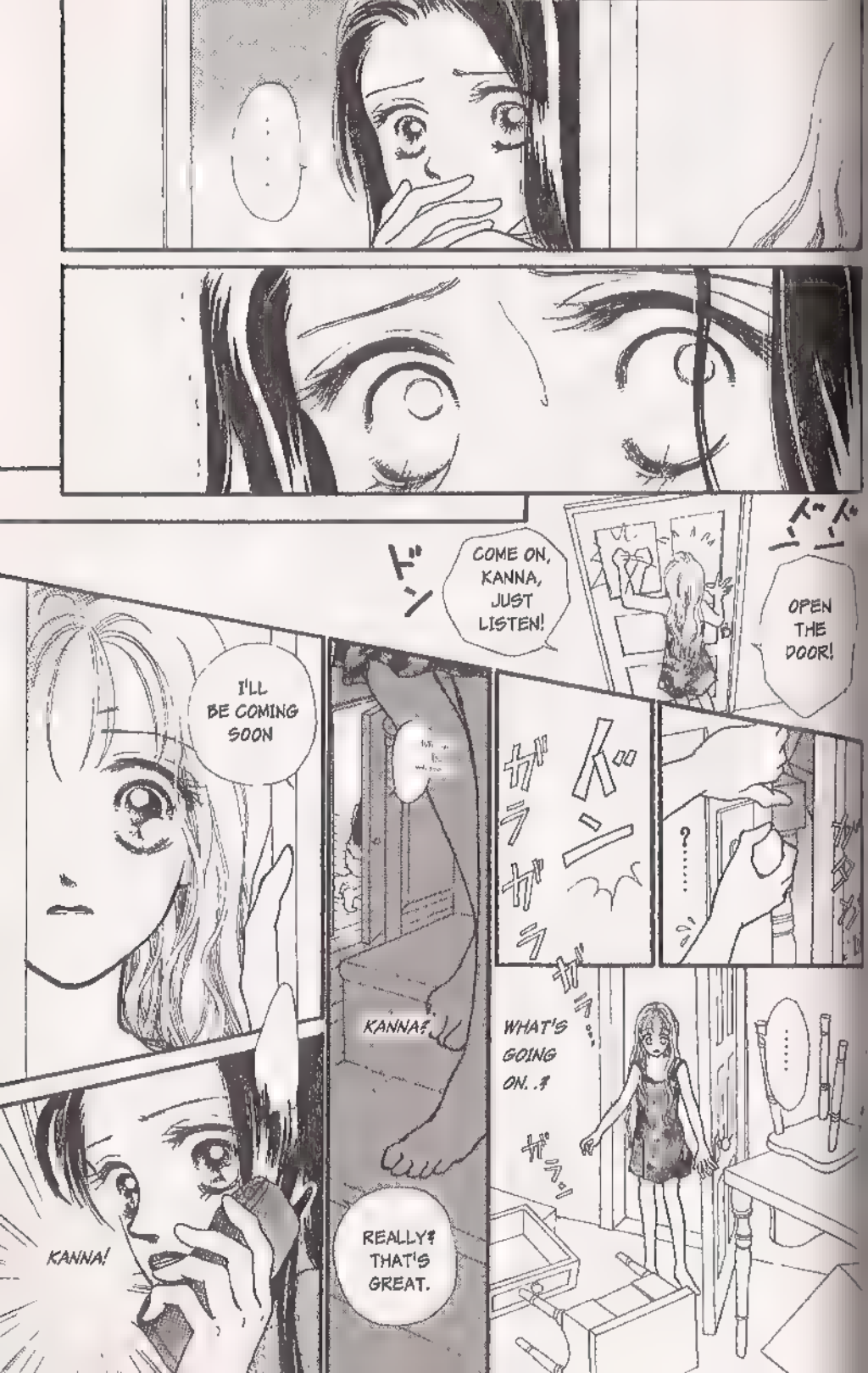

OH..
.IT'S KANNA'S...
KAN-
NA..


KANNA!
I'LL BE COMING SOON
KANNA?
REALLY? THAT'S GREAT.
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COME ON, KANNA, JUST LISTEN!
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OPEN THE DOOR!
ガラガラ
?……
WHAT'S GOING ON..?
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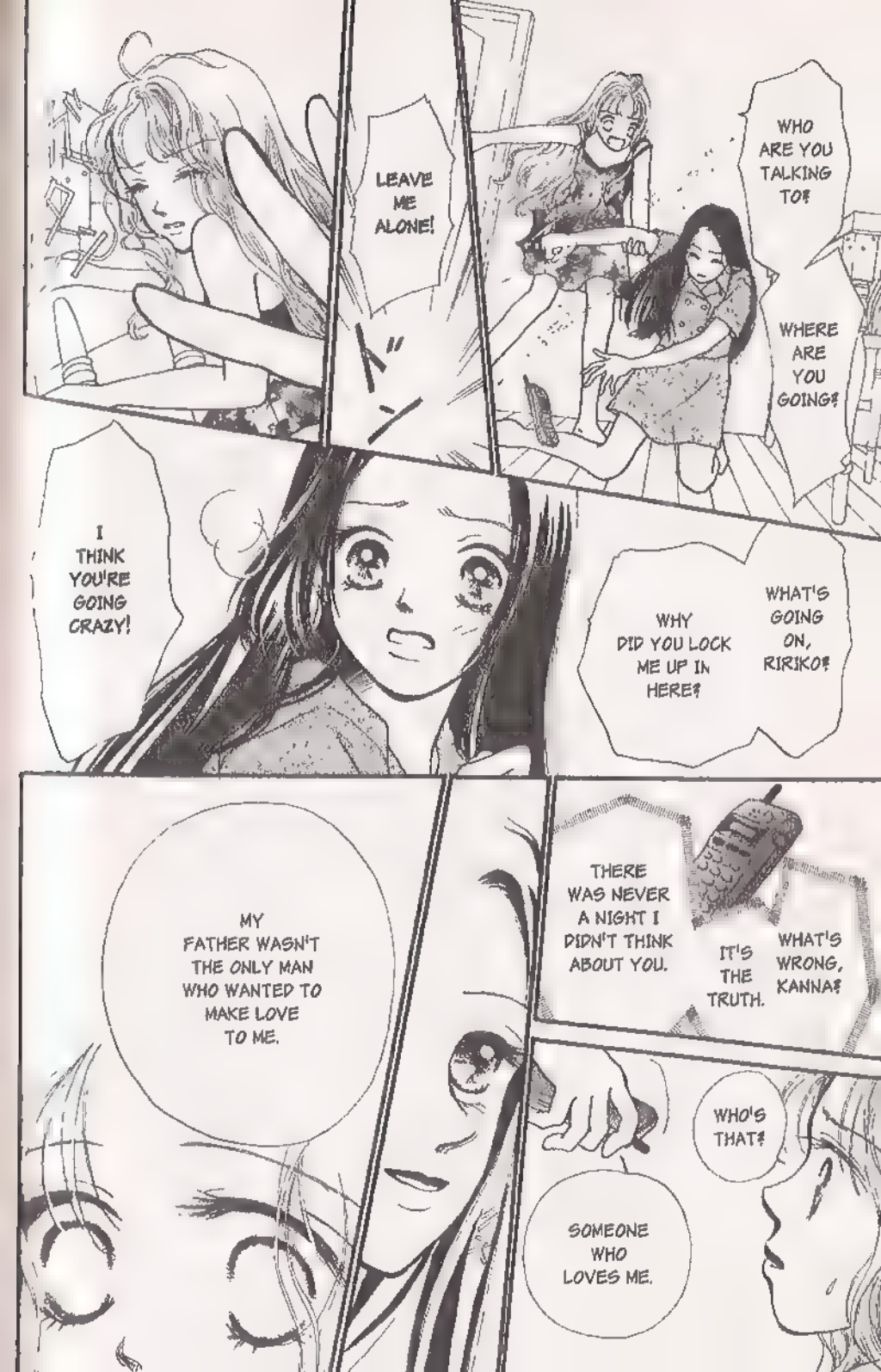
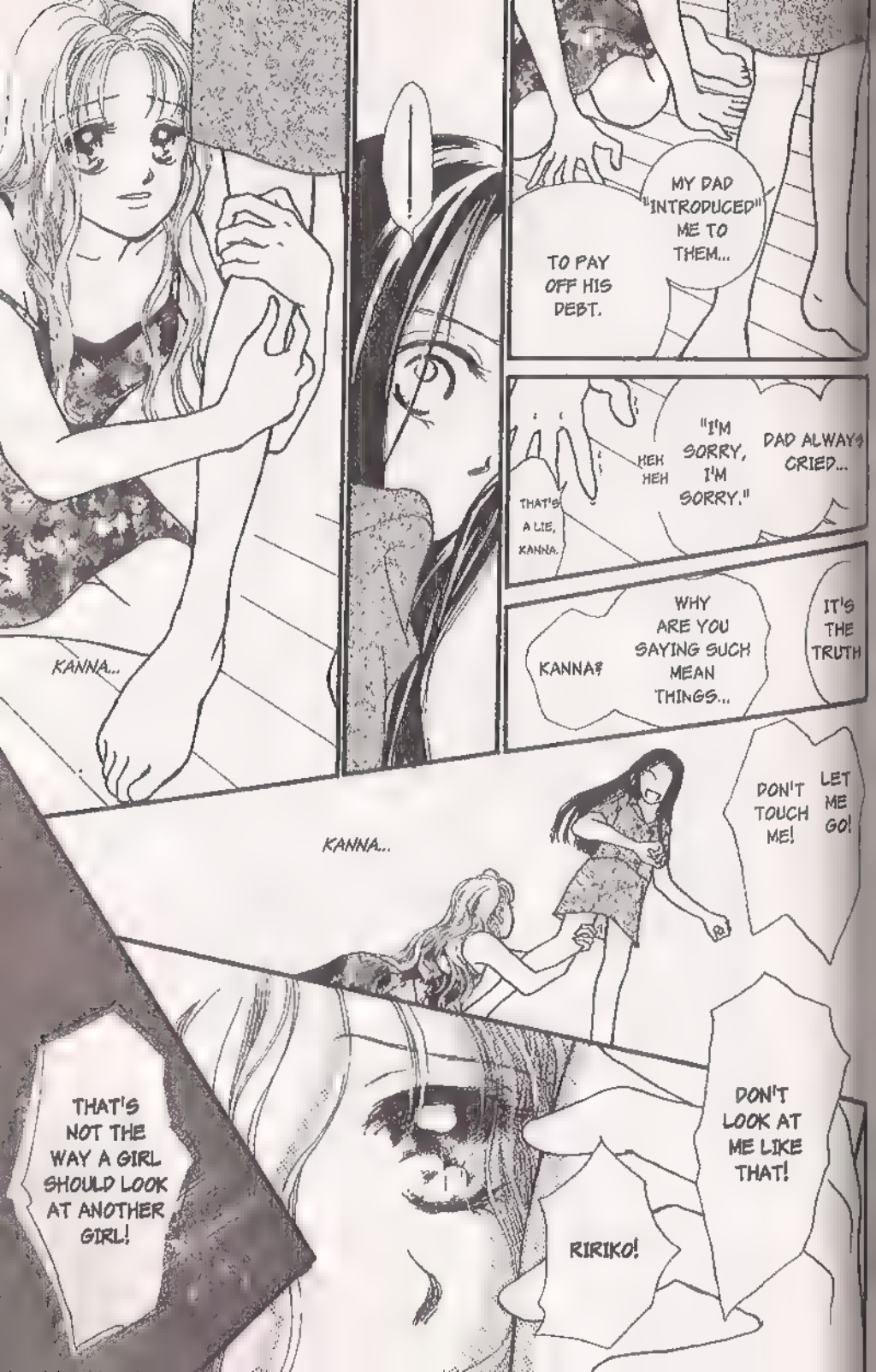
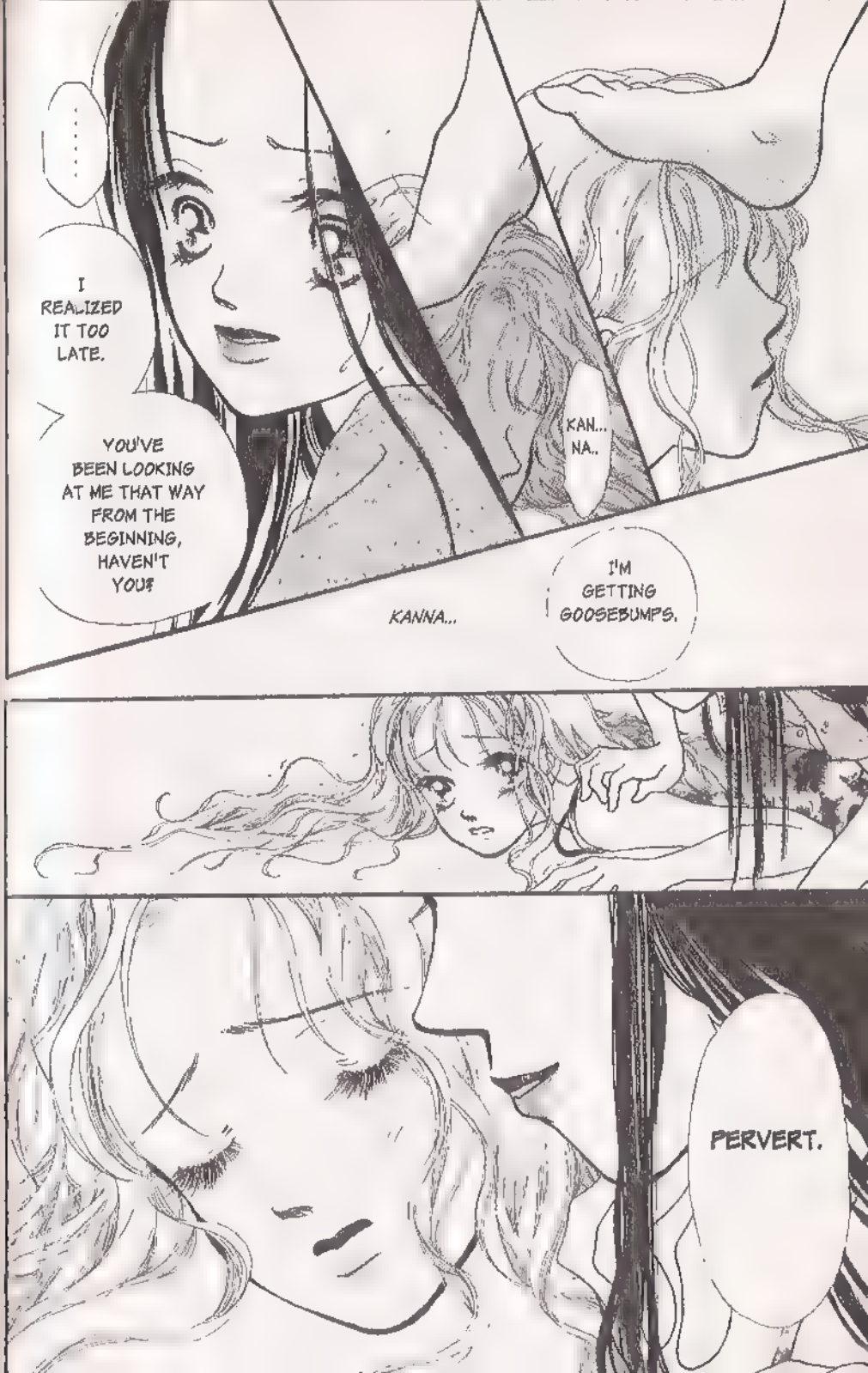
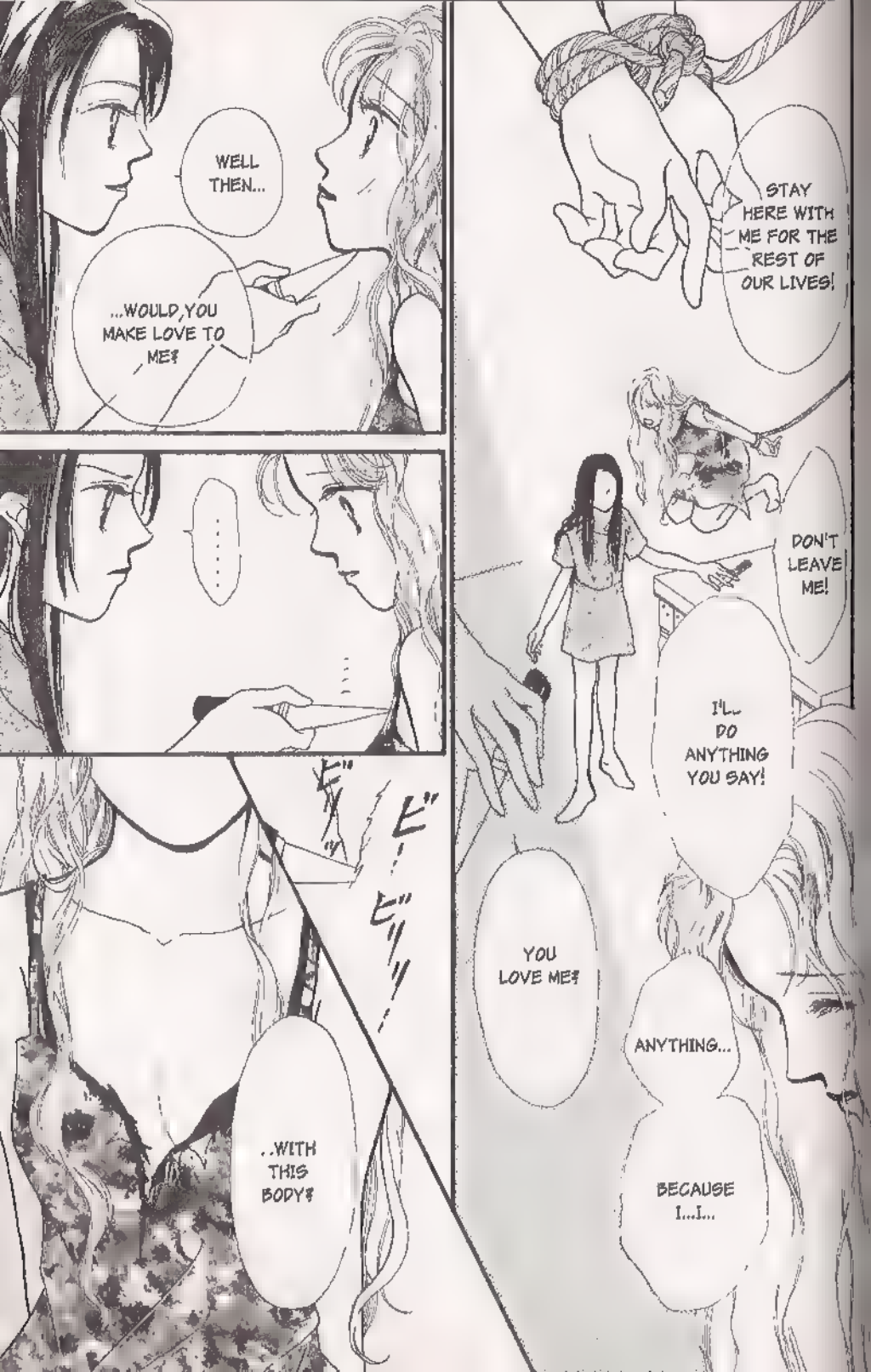
ガラ…


LEAVE ME ALONE!
WHO ARE YOU TALKING TO?
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I THINK YOU'RE GOING CRAZY!
WHY DID YOU LOCK ME UP IN HERE?
WHAT'S GOING ON, RIRIKO?
MY FATHER WASN'T THE ONLY MAN WHO WANTED TO MAKE LOVE TO ME.
THERE WAS NEVER A NIGHT I DIDN'T THINK ABOUT YOU.
IT'S THE TRUTH.
WHAT'S WRONG, KANNA?
WHO'S THAT?
SOMEONE WHO LOVES ME.


KANNA...
MY DAD "INTRODUCED" ME TO THEM...
TO PAY OFF HIS DEBT.
"I'M SORRY, I'M SORRY."
DAD ALWAYS CRIED...
HEH HEH
THAT'S A LIE, KANNA.
KANNA?
WHY ARE YOU SAYING SUCH MEAN THINGS...
IT'S THE TRUTH
KANNA...
DON'T TOUCH ME!
LET ME GO!
THAT'S NOT THE WAY A GIRL SHOULD LOOK AT ANOTHER GIRL!
RIRIKO!
DON'T LOOK AT ME LIKE THAT!


I REALIZED IT TOO LATE.
YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING AT ME THAT WAY FROM THE BEGINNING, HAVEN'T YOU?
KAN... NA..
KANNA...
I'M GETTING GOOSEBUMPS.
PERVERT.


STAY HERE WITH ME FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES!
DON'T LEAVE ME!
I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU SAY!
YOU LOVE ME?
ANYTHING...
BECAUSE I...I...
WELL THEN...
...WOULD YOU MAKE LOVE TO ME?
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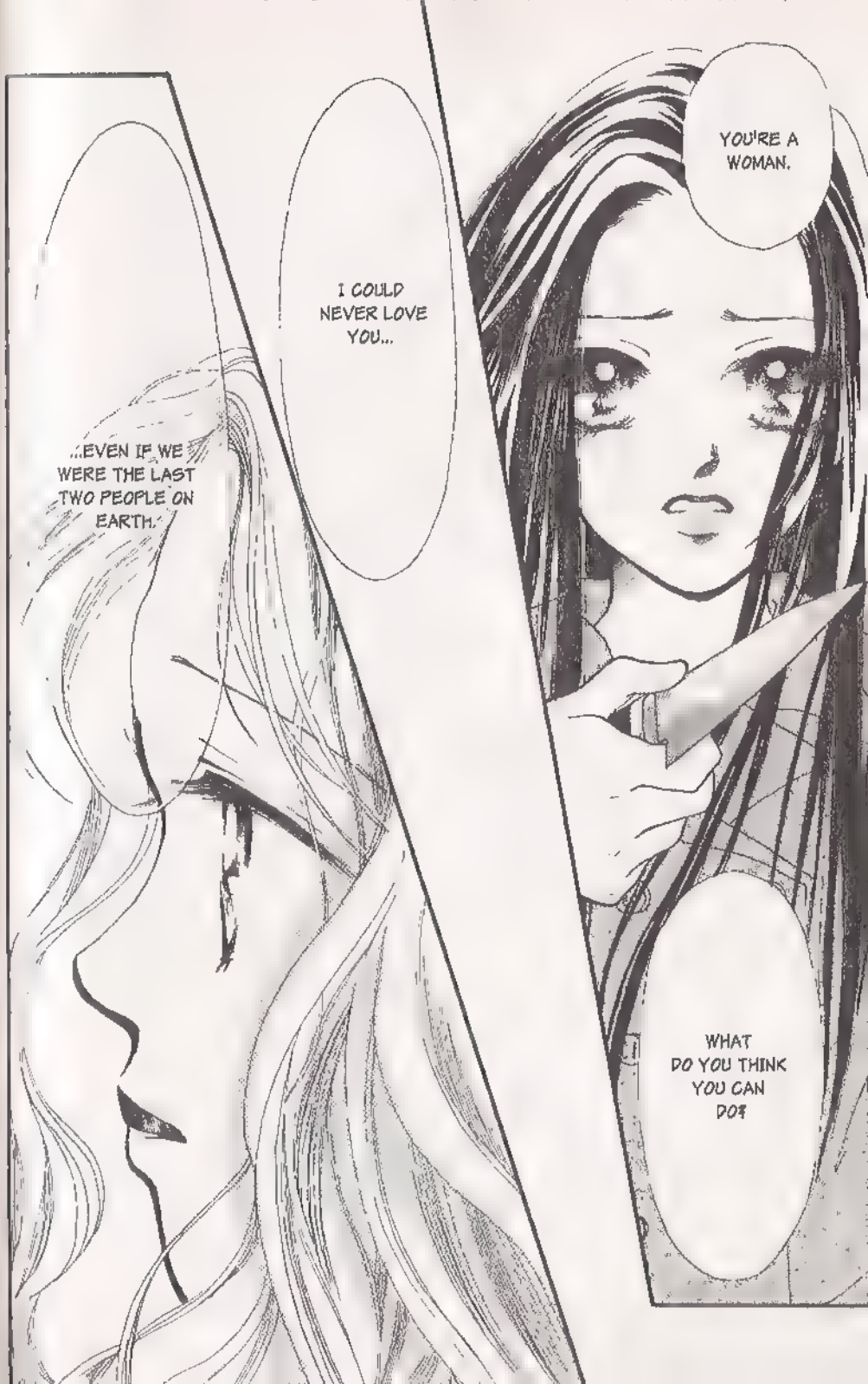
..WITH THIS BODY?

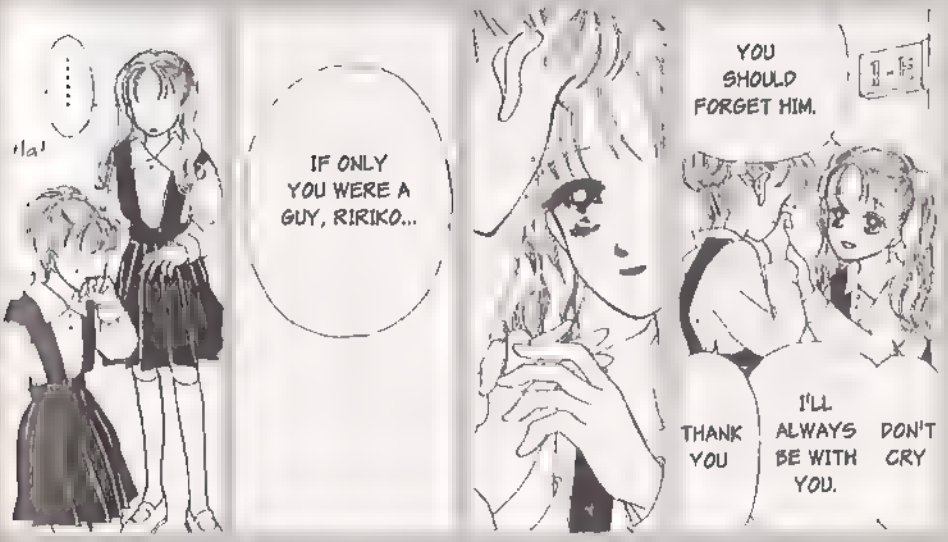

YOU'RE A WOMAN.
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DO?
I COULD NEVER LOVE YOU...
...EVEN IF WE WERE THE LAST TWO PEOPLE ON EARTH.

Kanna
Kanna
KAN
KAN NA
...LIKE MOM!
IS KANNA...
OKAY.
FROM NOW ON, IT'LL BE JUST THE TWO OF US.
STOP IT, DAD!
AND SHE WAS SO INF...
I WONDER WHY I BROKE UP WITH HIM.
Sob!
YOUR FATHER WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO REALLY LOVED ME AFTER ALL.
IT WAS SO HARD FOR HER

I'M JUST GOING TO GO OUT FOR A LITTLE BIT, ALL RIGHT?
WHO'S HE?
NOW SHE'S THE KIND OF WOMAN WHO ONLY WANTS TO BE LOVED BY SOMEONE. ANYONE

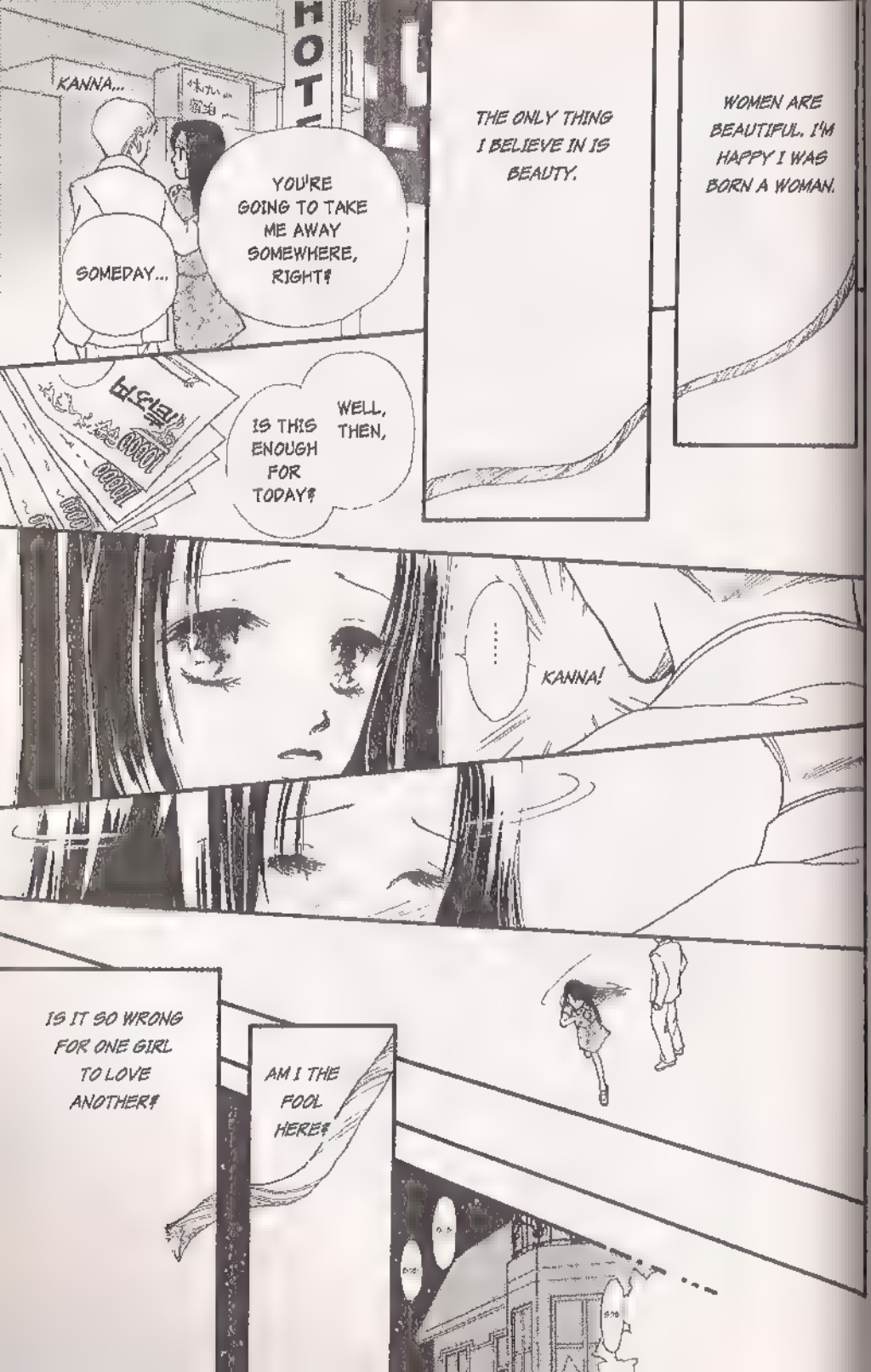
ALWAYS GO AWAY

THE PEOPLE I LOVE



WHY IS IT NO GOOD JUST BECAUSE I'M A GIRL?

WHY?


KANNA...
SOMEDAY...
YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE ME AWAY SOMEWHERE, RIGHT?
WELL, THEN,
IS THIS ENOUGH FOR TODAY?
THE ONLY THING I BELIEVE IN IS BEAUTY.
WOMEN ARE BEAUTIFUL. I'M HAPPY I WAS BORN A WOMAN.
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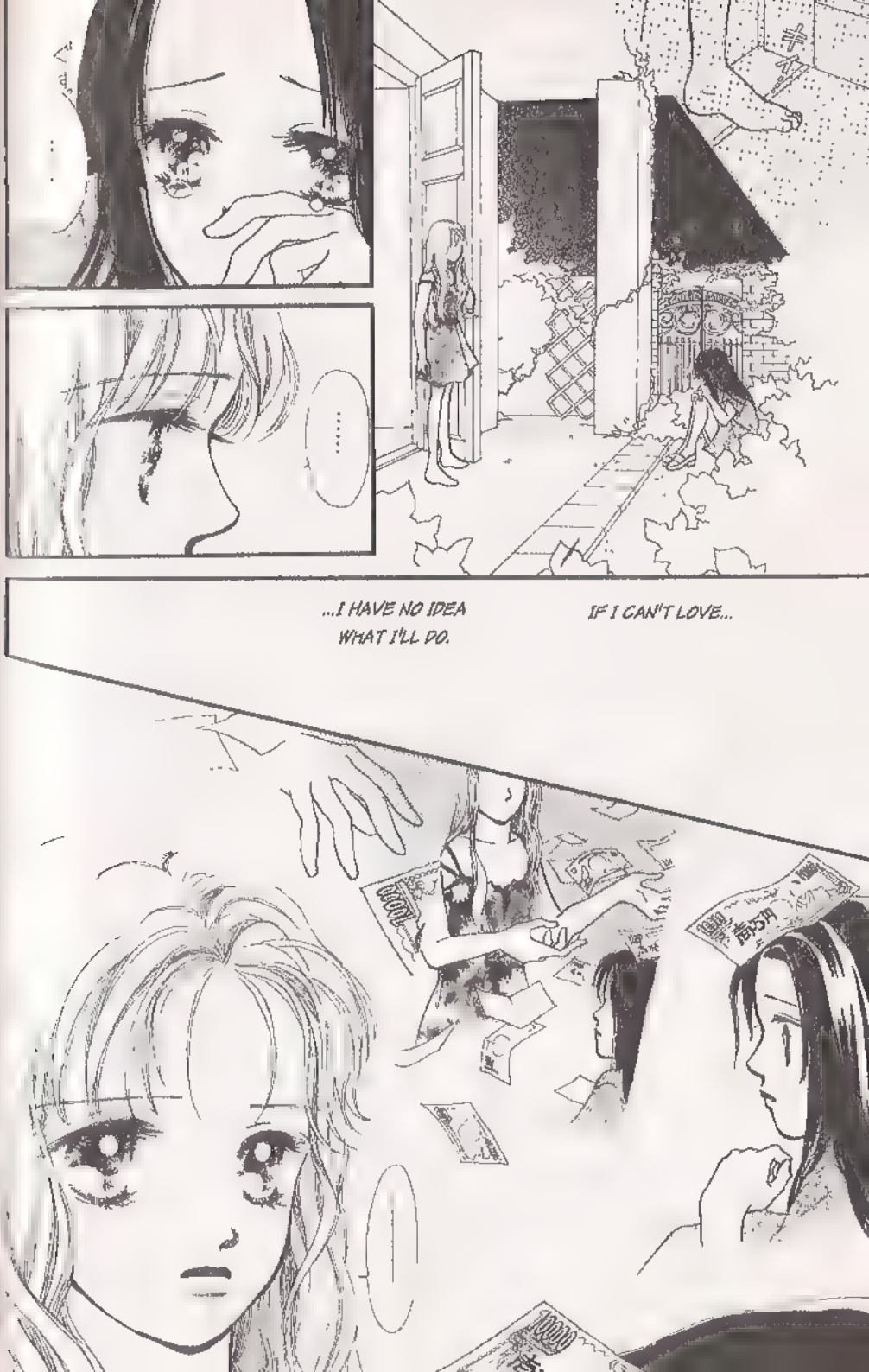
KANNA!
IS IT SO WRONG FOR ONE GIRL TO LOVE ANOTHER?
AM I THE FOOL HERE?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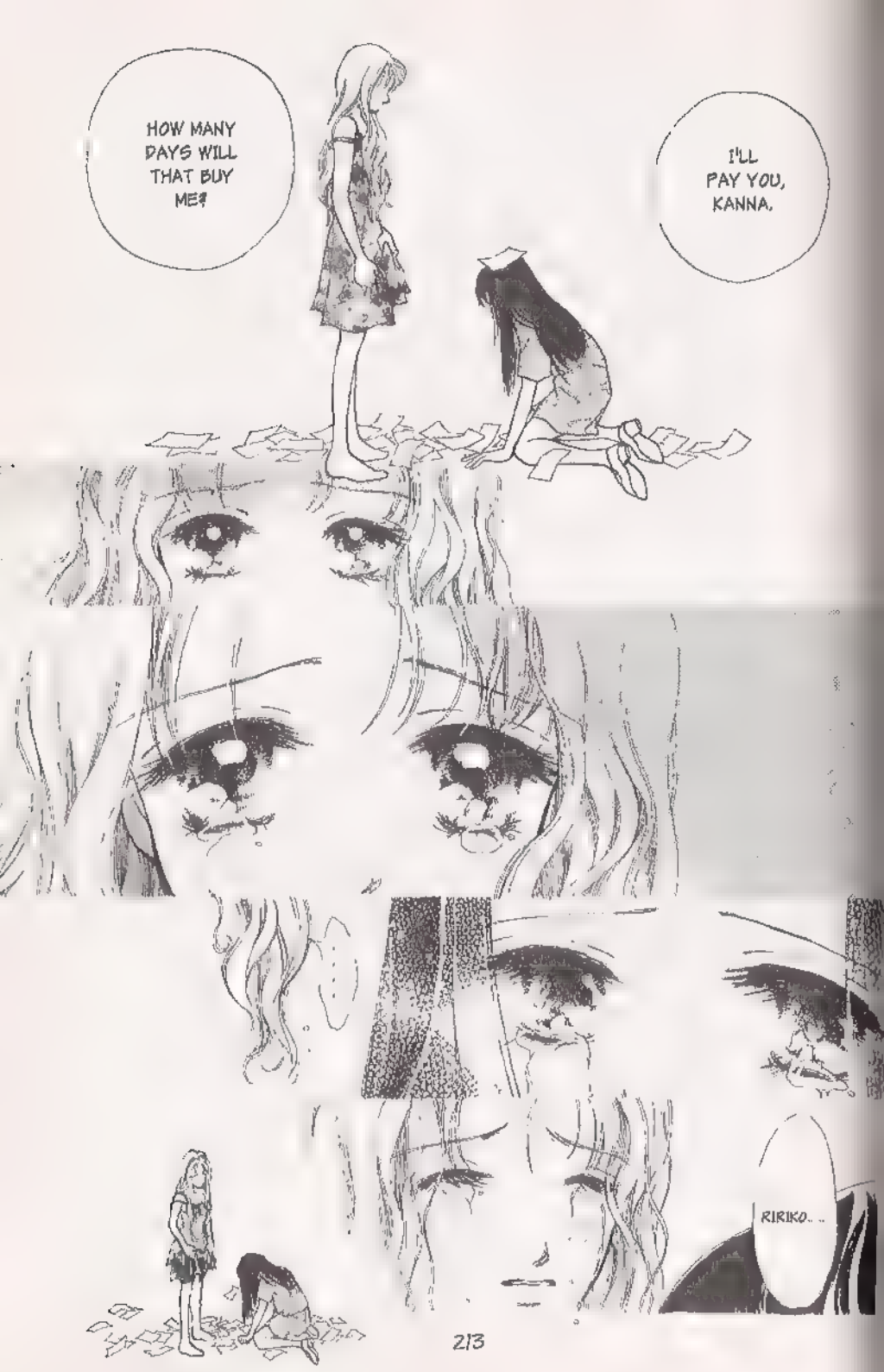
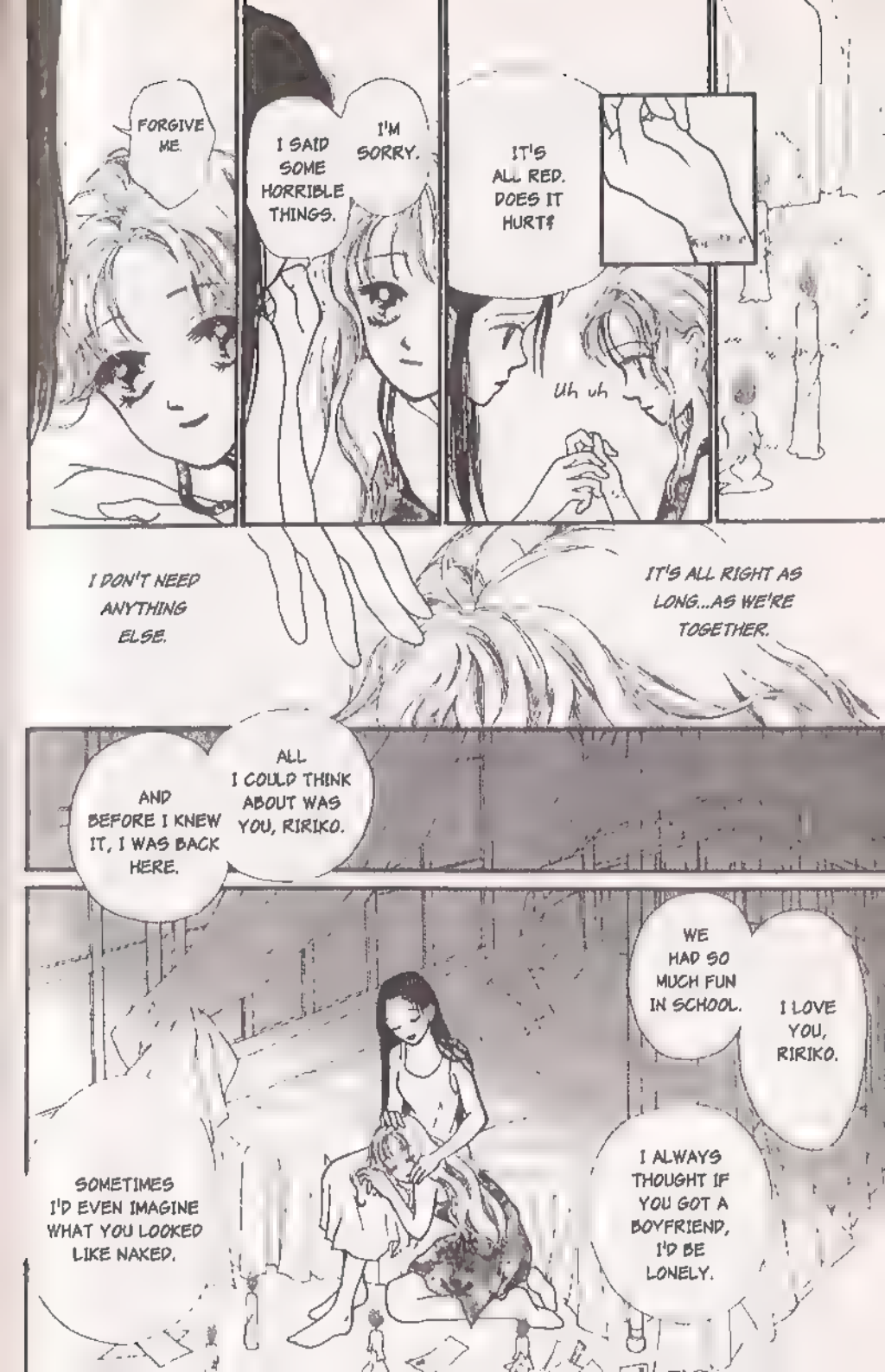
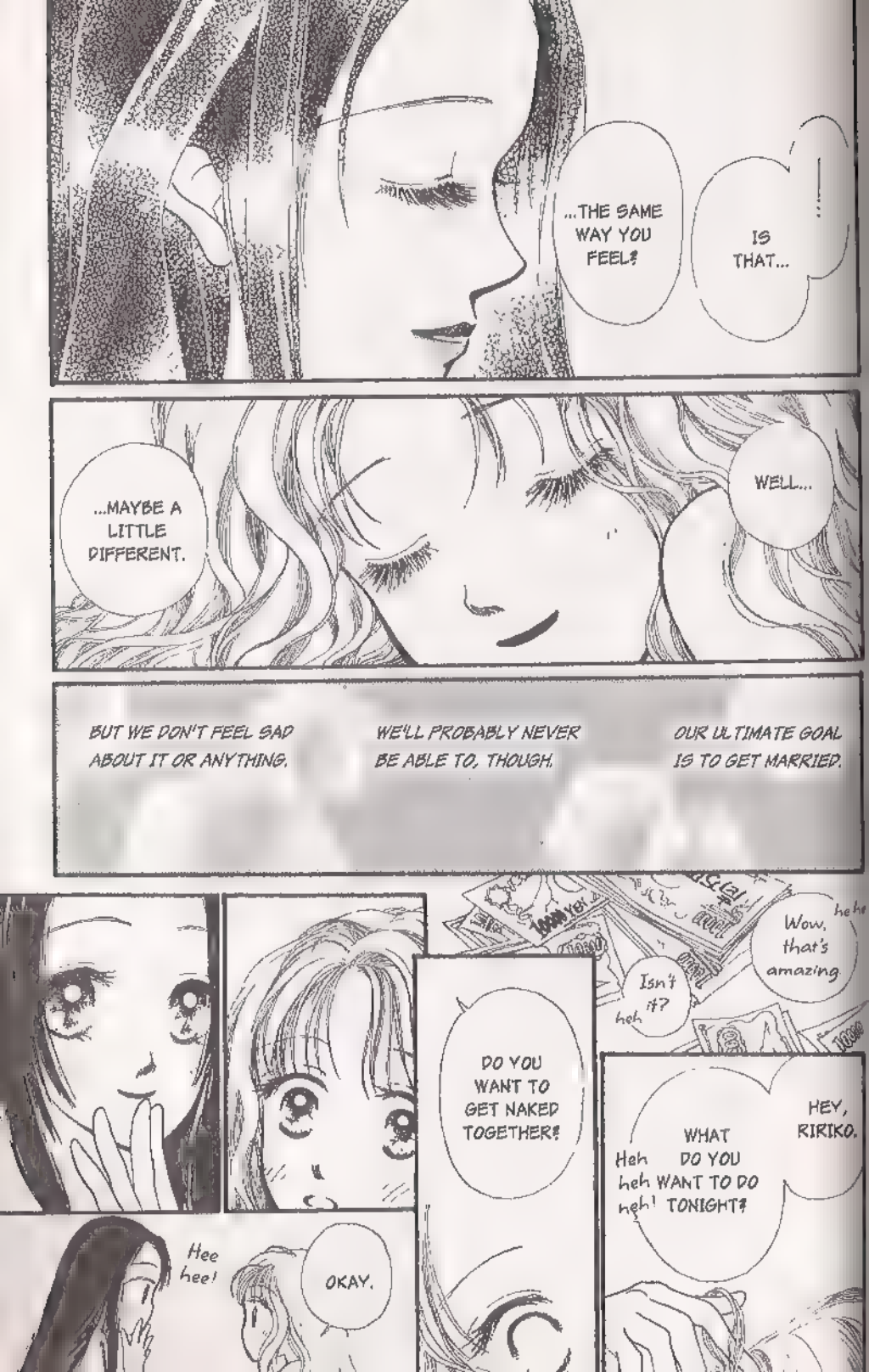
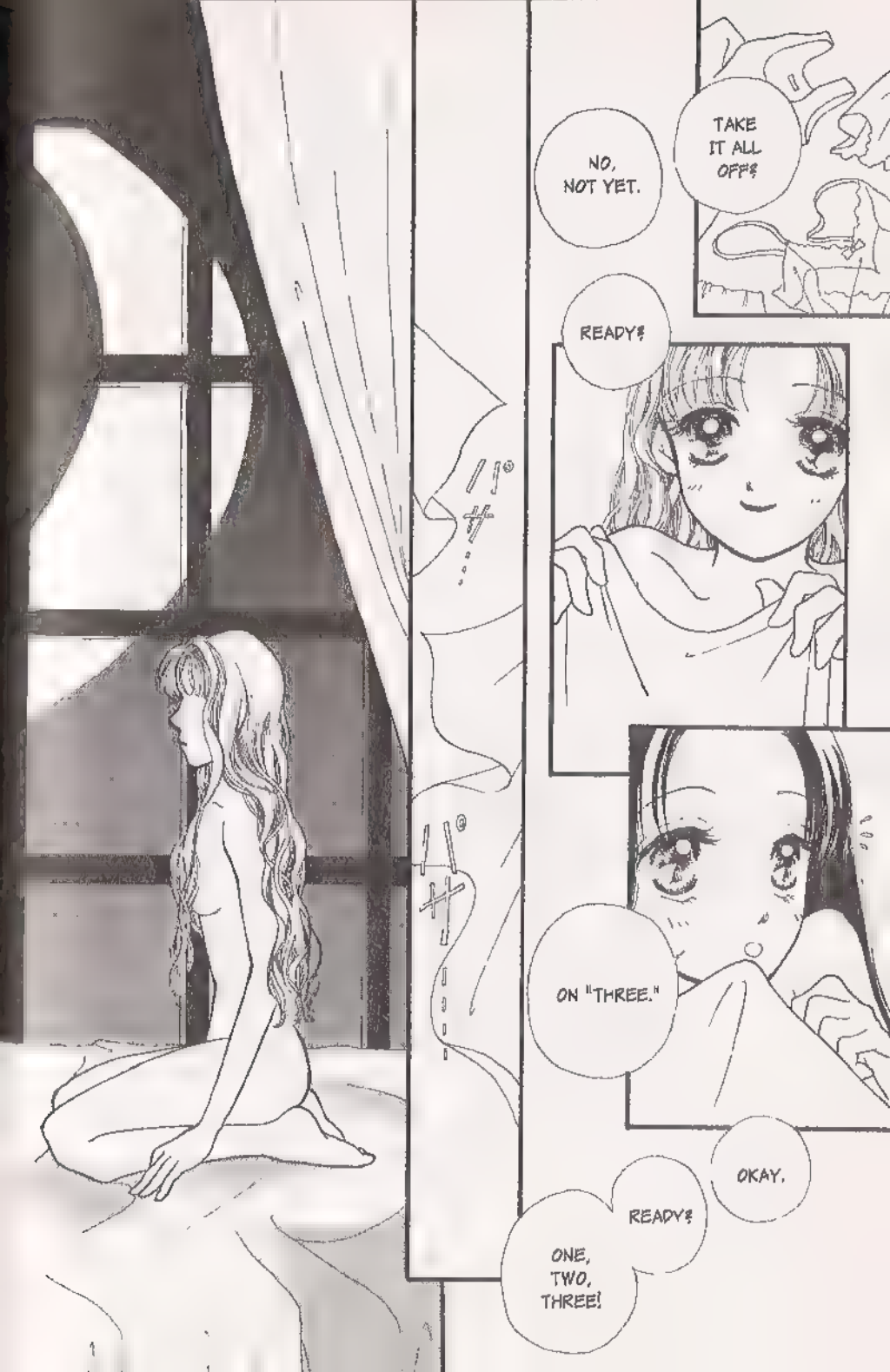
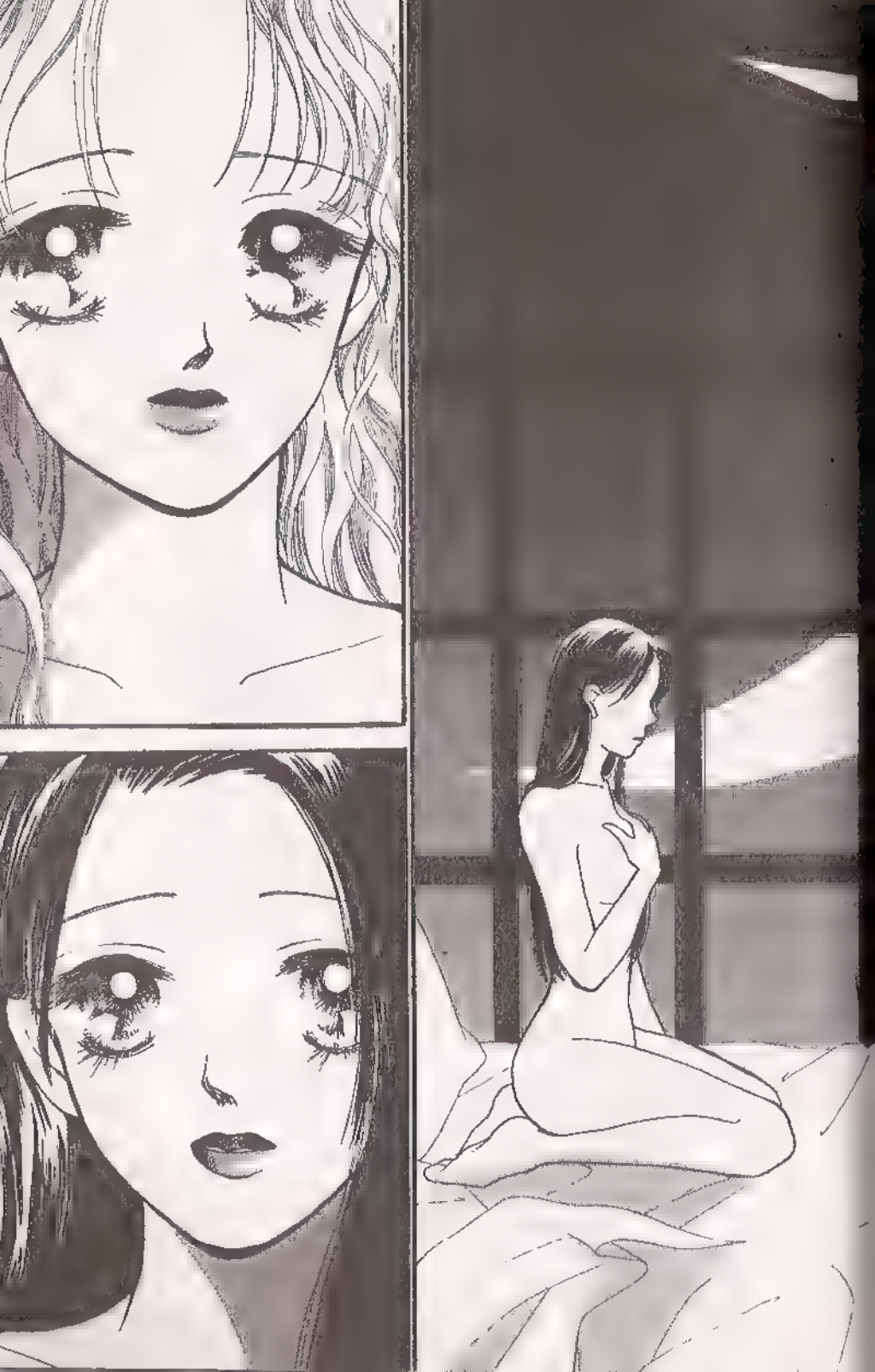
...I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I'LL DO.
IF I CAN'T LOVE...

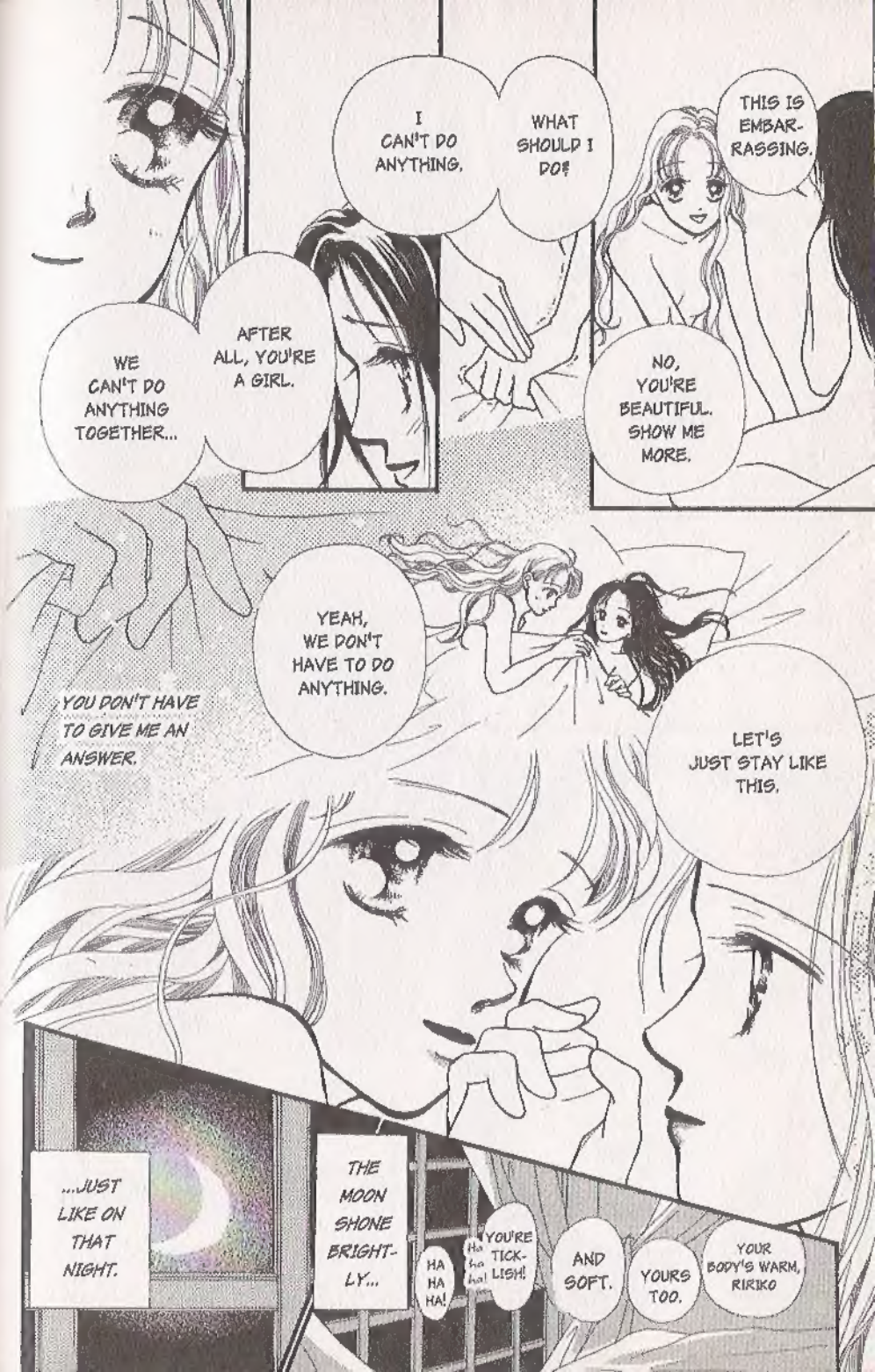

HOW MANY DAYS WILL THAT BUY ME?
I'LL PAY YOU, KANNA.
RIRIKO...

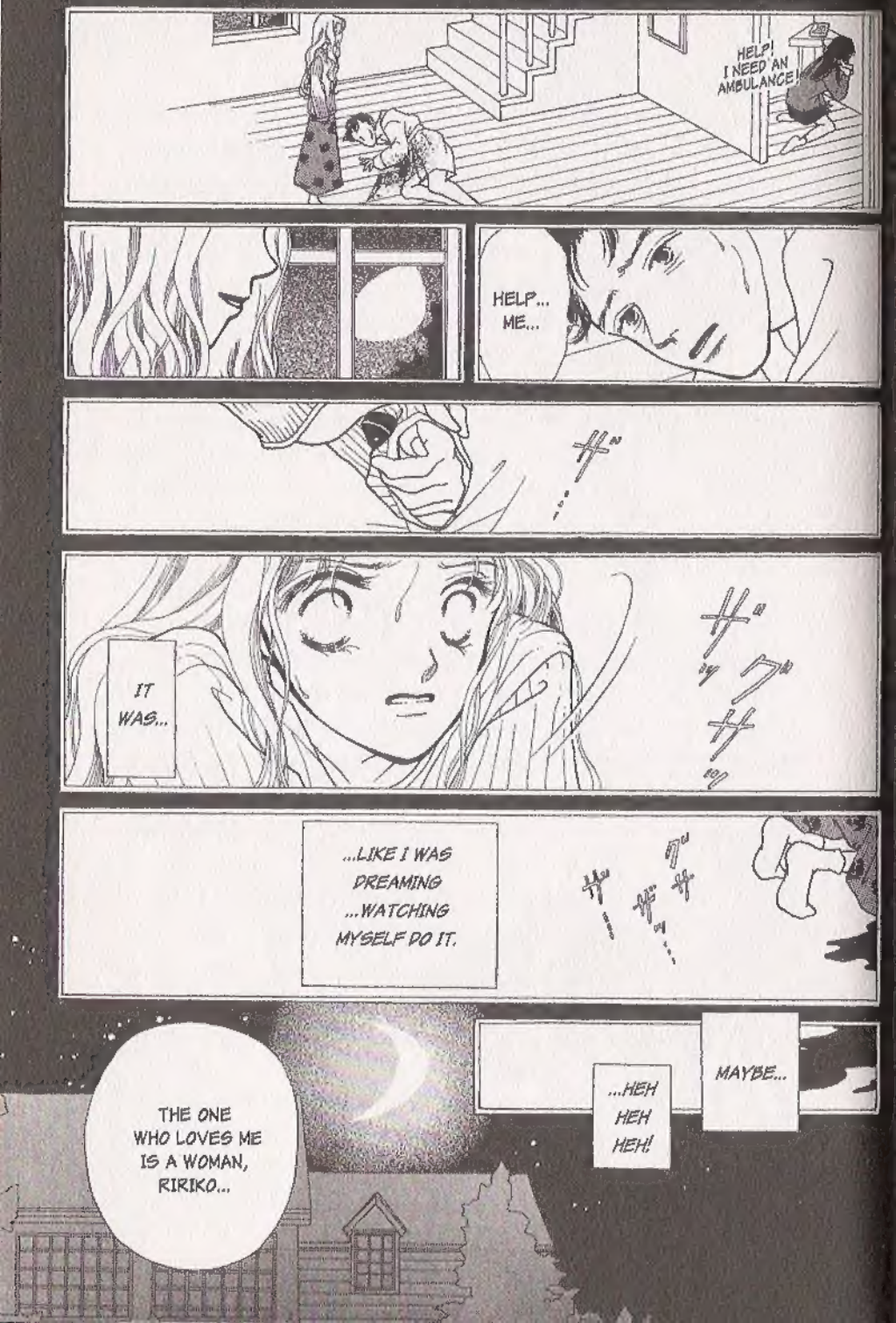

FORGIVE ME.
I'M SORRY.
I SAID SOME HORRIBLE THINGS.
IT'S ALL RED. DOES IT HURT?
Uh uh
I DON'T NEED ANYTHING ELSE.
IT'S ALL RIGHT AS LONG...AS WE'RE TOGETHER.
ALL I COULD THINK ABOUT WAS YOU, RIRIKO.
AND BEFORE I KNEW IT, I WAS BACK HERE.
WE HAD SO MUCH FUN IN SCHOOL.
I LOVE YOU, RIRIKO.
I ALWAYS THOUGHT IF YOU GOT A BOYFRIEND, I'D BE LONELY.
SOMETIMES I'D EVEN IMAGINE WHAT YOU LOOKED LIKE NAKED.

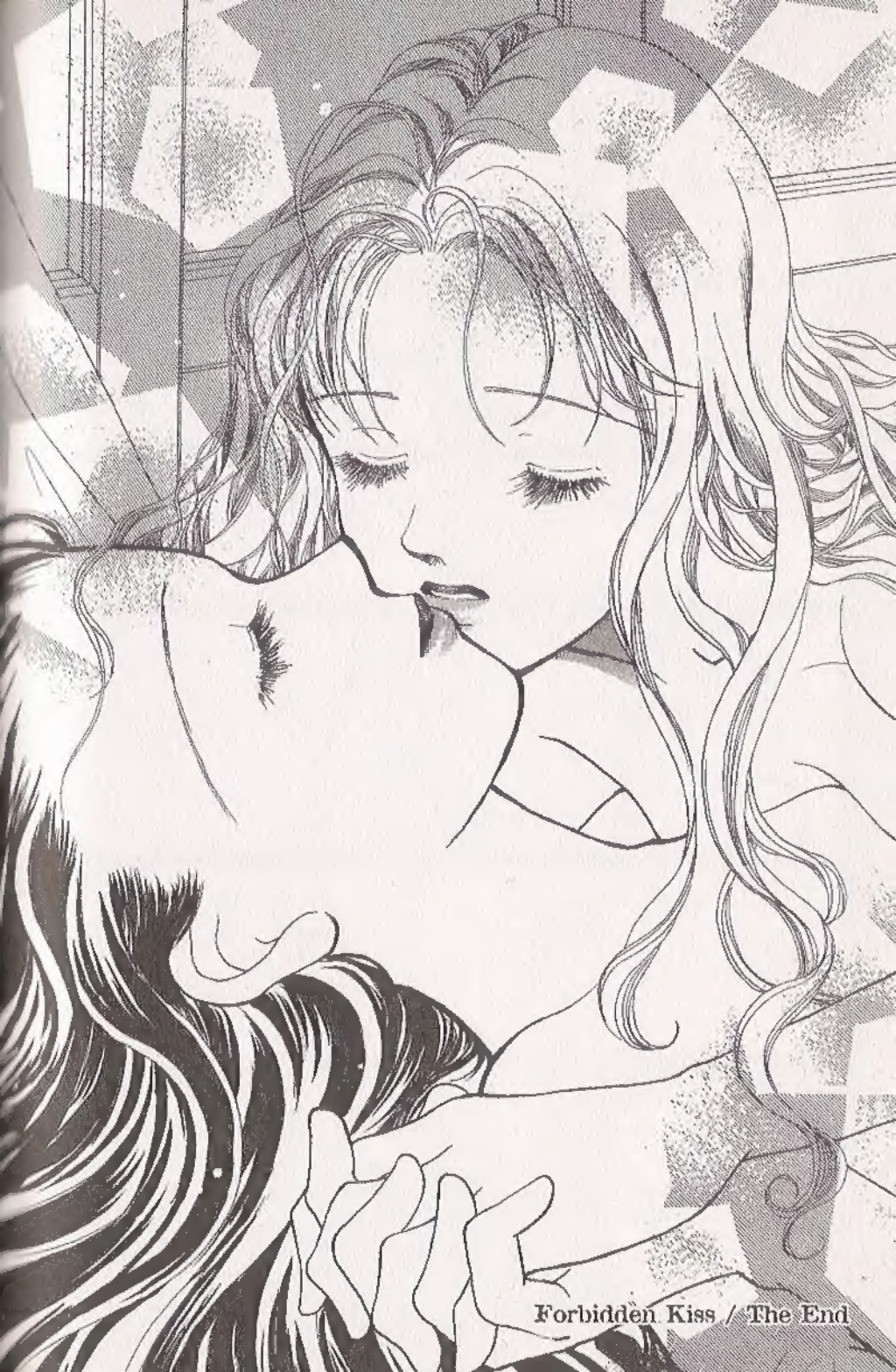

...THE SAME WAY YOU FEEL?
IS THAT...
!!!
...MAYBE A LITTLE DIFFERENT.
WELL...
BUT WE DON'T FEEL SAD ABOUT IT OR ANYTHING.
WE'LL PROBABLY NEVER BE ABLE TO, THOUGH.
OUR ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO GET MARRIED.
Wow, that's amazing
hehe
Isn't it?
heh
DO YOU WANT TO GET NAKED TOGETHER?
HEY, RIRIKO.
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT?
Heh heh heh!
OKAY.
Hee hee!


TAKE IT ALL OFF?
NO, NOT YET.
READY?
ON "THREE."
OKAY.
READY?
ONE, TWO, THREE!




I CAN'T DO ANYTHING.
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
THIS IS EMBARRASSING.
WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING TOGETHER...
AFTER ALL, YOU'RE A GIRL.
NO, YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL. SHOW ME MORE.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO GIVE ME AN ANSWER.
YEAH, WE DON'T HAVE TO DO ANYTHING.
LET'S JUST STAY LIKE THIS.
...JUST LIKE ON THAT NIGHT.
THE MOON SHONE BRIGHTLY...
HA HA HA!
Ha ha ha!
YOU'RE TICKLISH!
AND SOFT.
YOURS TOO.
YOUR BODY'S WARM, RIRIKO


HELP! I NEED AN AMBULANCE!
HELP... ME...
IT WAS...
...LIKE I WAS DREAMING ...WATCHING MYSELF DO IT.
...HEH HEH HEH!
MAYBE...
THE ONE WHO LOVES ME IS A WOMAN, RIRIKO...



AFTERWARD

You could probably say all of the stories in this volume are nonfiction. All the bullying that's portrayed happens every day. School regulations such as the ones I've created have actually existed. When I was in high school, the term "compensated dating" hadn't been created yet, but there WERE girls like Megumi around. And there were times when I was walking in the shopping center and got hit on by junior-high boys just because I was wearing a sailor outfit. I'm confident that the girls in these stories are all my friends. If you're the same age as they are, try comparing yourself to them. If you're older than they are, compare them to how you were at that age. And if you haven't reached their age yet, you can always compare them to your future self.
I drew these stories to express how I feel about the problems that are prevalent in schools today. And I also drew them as a way to ask YOU what you think. But there aren't enough pages to address everything. Bullying has been a huge problem in society for years. But even now it still goes unresolved. That's simply the status quo.

I hope that sometime in the near future the terms "bullying," "school regulations," "physical punishment," and "compensated dating" are obliterated from our vocabulary, and this manga becomes a mere anachronism. That's my hope for the future.

Finally, to everyone who has assisted me, written me a letter, or bought this book...
THANK YOU,
from the bottom of my heart.